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OF THE

House of Representatives

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA CESAREA,

OR

NEW JERSEY,

In their First Sessions of Assembly,

BEGAN AT PERTH AMBOY,

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FIRST ASSEMBLY.

. . . . Journal and Votes of the House of Representatives of the Province of Nova Cesarea, or New Jersey, in their First Sessions of Assembly begun at Perth Amboy, the 10th day of November, 1.703.

DIE MERCURII, A. M., Nov^{r} 10th, 1.703

Pursuant to his Excellen$^{cy's}$ writ, Obadiah Bown, Jedadiah Allen, Michael Howden, Peter Van Este, John Reid, John Harrison, Cornelius Tunison, & Richard Hartshorn, Esq^{rs}, Elected and returned members to sit in Gen^{l} Assembly, for the Eastern Division of Nova Cesarea, or New Jersey; Tho^{s} Lambert, W^{m} Biddle, William Stephenson, Restore Lippincot, John Key, John Hugg, Jun^{r}, Joseph Cooper, W^{m} Hall, John Mason, and John Smith, Esq^{rs}, for the West division; Peter Fretovel & Thomas Gardiner, Esq^{rs}, for the town of Burlington; Thomas Gordon and Miles Forster, Esq^{rs}, for the City of Perth Amboy, were all duly sworn or attested.

The Members, having gone to the House, did send a message to His Excell^{cy} by Tho^{s} Gordon & John Key, Esq^{rs}, desiring he would be pleased to order the Secretary to deliver them a List of the several Members Returned to serve as Members of this House; Whereupon his Exce^{y} Ordered the Sec^{y} to deliver the original Writs and Returns for the perusal of the House.

His Excell^{y} was pleased to appoint Will^{m} Anderson to be clerk of the Assembly of Nova Cesarea, or New Jersey, who accordingly did take the Oaths appointed by Law.

The House then proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, & did unanimously choose Tho^{s} Gardiner, Esq^{re}, to be the Speaker,

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Speaker, and Conducted him to, & placed him in, y^e^ Chair, and then the House adjourned to 4 in y^e^ afternoon.

P. M., Ejus^d^ dies.

Ordered, that the Speaker, in behalf of the House, desire his Excell^cy^ will be pleased to grant them the following and accustomed Rights and privilege, viz^t^:

That the Members, with their Servants, may be free of Arrest or Molestation during the Session;

That they have free Access to your Excell^cy's^ person when Occasion Requires.

That they may have Liberty of Speech, & a favourable Construction upon all Debates that may arise amongst them.

That if any mis-understanding shall happen to arise between the Council and this House, that in such a case a Com^ee^ of the Council may be appointed to Confer with a Com^ee^ of this H^s^ for the Adjusting and Reconciling such Differences, And

That these our Requests may be approved of by your Excell^cy^ & Council, & entred in the Council Books.

The House attended his Excell^cy^ & did present Thomas Gardiner, Esqr, to be their Speaker, who was favourably received & approved of by his Excell^cy^.

His Excell^cy^ was then pleased to make a favourable Speech to the House.

The Speaker with the Members being returned, y^e^ Speaker acquainted the House, That his Excell^cy^ had been pleased to make a favourable Speech, and y^t^ he had obtained a Copy of it, which was Ordered to be read imediately, and is as follows, viz't:

Gentlemen:

The proprietors of East & West New Jersey, having upon very mature Consideration, thought fit to Surrender to her most Sacred Majesty the Great Queen of England, my Mistris, all the Powers of Government, which they supposed were vested in them, the Queen has been pleased to unite these formerly two Provinces now into one, under the Name of Nova Cesarea, or New Jersey:—Her Majesty has been pleased graciously to Honor me with the Trust of this Government, & has commanded me to assure you of her Protection, upon all Occasions, & you may assure yo'rselves, that under her Auspicious Reign, you will enjoy all the Liberty, happines & Satisfaction that good Subjects can wish for, under a most gracious Queen, and the

the best Laws in the Universe; I mean the Laws of England, which all the World would be glad to partake of, & none are so happy to enjoy, but those whose propitious Stars have placed under the most happily constituted Monarchy. I will not Question, but that you, on yo'r parts, will do all than can be expected from faithful Subjects, both for the Satisfaction of the Queen, the Good and Safety of your Countrey, which must be attended with general satisfaction to all people.

In order to Attain these good ends, I most earnestly Recommend, both to you, Gentlemen of her Majestie's Council, & you, Gentlemen of the Assembly, to apply yo'rselves heartily and seriously to the Reconciling the unhappy differences which have happened in this Province, that, as the Queen has united the two Provinces, so the minds of all the people may be firmly united in the service of the Queen & good of the Countrey, which all are one, & cannot be separated without danger of destroying both.

Gentlemen, you are now met in General Assembly on purpose to prepare such Bills to be passed into Laws, to be Transmitted into England for Her Majesty's Approbation, as may best conduce to the Settling of this Province upon a lasting foundation of happiness and Quiet; only I must recommend it to you, That the Bills you shall think fit to offer may not be repugnant to the Laws of England, but as much as may be agreeable to them.

I must recomend to you, Gentlemen, in the wording of your Bills to Observe the stile of Enacting by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and, likewise, that each different matter be Enacted by a different Law to avoid Confusion.

In all Laws whereby you shall think fit to Grant money or to Impose any Fines or penalties, express mention may be made that the same is Granted or Reserved unto her Ma^{ty}, her Heirs or Successors, for the Public uses of this Province, & the support of the Goverm^{t} thereof.

Gentlemen, I am further Comanded by the Queen, to Recomend it to you to Raise and settle a Revenue for defraying the necessary Charge of the Goverm^{t} of this Province, in order to Support the Dignity of it.

I am likewise comanded to Recomend to yo^{r} care, the preparing one or more Bill or Bills, whereby the Right and Property of the General Proprietors to the soil of this Province may be Confirmed to them, according to their respective Titles, together with all Quit Rents and all other Privileges, as Expressed in the Conveances made by the Duke of York, except only the Right of Goverm^{t}, w^{ch} remains in the Queen.

Now

Now Gentlemen, I have acquainted you with some of those things, w^ch^ the Queen is desirous to have done, I shall likewise acquaint you, that her Ma^ty^ has been graciously pleased to grant to all her Subjects in this Province (Except Papists) Liberty of Conscience, I must further Inform you, that the Queen has comanded me, not to receive any present from the Gen^l^ Assembly of this Province, & that no person who may succeed me in this Goverm^t^ may claim any present for the future, I am comanded to take care that her Maj^tie's^ Orders may be entred at large in the Council Books & the Books of the Gen^l^ Assembly.

Now Gentlemen, I have no more to Offer to you at this time, only I recomend to you Dispatch in the matters before you & Unanimity in yo^r^ Consultations, as that w^ch^ will always best & most effectually Conduce to the Good of the whole.

The Speaker also Reported That according to Order he had Pray^d^ his Excell^cy^ to Grant the Rights and Privileges of the House as above expressed: And that his Excell^cy^ was pleased to Grant the three first as the Just and undoubted Right of the House, but did Reject the 4^th^ as an Innovation, & accordingly Ordered the entring thereof in the Council Books.

Ordered, that Mess^rs^ John Key, Obadiah Bown & John Reid, do wait on his Excell^cy^, and Acquaint him, That the House Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 of the Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. Nov^br^ 11^th^ 1703

A Motion being made & the Question being put, That y^e^ House should Render their most Humble Thanks to his Excell^cy^ for his favourable speech, it passed unanimously in y^e^ Affirmative, and Accordingly it was

Ordered That M^r^ Fretwell, M^r^ Forster, M^r^ Reid & M^r^ Gordon be a Comittee to draw up an humble address, to be presented to his Excell^cy^ & that they go about it immediately.

The Com^ee^ appointed to draw up the Address to be presented to his Excell^cy^ did accordingly bring in the Address, w^ch^ was read, and being put to the vote it passed in the affirmative, Neuime contradicente; And was

Ordered to be Engrossed & is as follows vizt

May it please y^r^ Excell^cy^

I am Comanded by this House to return y^r^ Excell^cy^ their hearty thanks for y^r^ Excell^cy's^ many Kind expressions to them contained in y^r^ Excell^cy's^ speech, & it is our great satisfaction, that Her Ma^ty^ hath been pleased to constitute y^r^ Excell^cy^ our Gov^n^.

Gov^{n}. We are well assured the Proprietors by their Surrendry of their Rights to y^{e} Goverm^{t} of this Province, have put us in Circumstances much better than we were in under their Administration, they not being able to protect us from y^{e} Villanies of wicked men; And we have an Intire dependence on her Ma^{ty} that she will protect us in the full enjoymen^{t} of our Rights, Liberties & Properties, do thank y^{r} Excellency, for that Assurance you are pleased to give us of it, & think our Stars have been propitious in placing us under y^{e} Goverm^{t} & direction of y^{e} greatest of Queens, and the best of Laws, And we do entreat y^{r} Excell^{cy} to believe, that our best endeavours shall not be wanting to accomplish those things, w^{ch} shall be for y^{e} satisfaction of y^{e} Queen, the Gen^{l} Good of our Countrey, and (if possible) to the universal satisfaction of all people; With our prayers to y^{e} GOD of Heaven, we shall Joyn our utmost endeavours, to unite our unhappy differences, and hope with y^{e} assistance of y^{r} Excell^{cy} & Council, it will not be impossible to accomplish that blessed work, we shall follow the Directions given in y^{r} Excell$^{cy's}$ Speech, with what Dispatch y^{e} nature of the things Require, & hope that all our Consultations may Conduce to the best and greatest ends.

Mem^{o} That all y^{e} Members of this House do agree to y^{e} subject Matter above written, tho' Several of them Dissent from y^{e} Stile of some of the Expressions therein contained.

The House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in y^{e} Afternoon.

P. M. Nov. 11th 1.703.

Ordered, That M^{r} John Reid and M^{r} Tho^{s} Lambert do wait upon his Excell'cy to know when this House may attend him. Who being returned, Acquainted the House, That his Excell^{cy} did expect the House Imediately,

whereupon

The Speaker left y^{e} Chair to attend his Excell^{cy} wth the House, and being returned, he Acquainted the House, That he had attended his Excell^{cy} with the House, and had delivered his Excell^{cy} their thanks, for his most favourable speech, w^{ch} he was pleased to accept very kindly. And then

The House Adjourned till tomorrow, 9 of the Clock.

DIE VENERIS, 12 Nov^{r} A. M. 1.703,

The Clerk acquainted the House that Cap^{t} J^{no} Bown had delivered to him a Petition to lay before the House.

Ordered That the said Petition be read,

The

The petition of John Royse, John Bown, Rich^{d} Salter, Anthony Woodward & Will Laurence Jun^{r}, Complaining of an undue Election of Coll Richard Townley, M^{r} John Reid, Cap^{tn} John Harrison, M^{r} Michael Howden & M^{r} Jedadiah Allen, five of the members to serve for the Eastern Division of Nova Cesarea.

Tho^{s} Gordon Esq^{r}, High Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, Pray^{d} that he might have a Copy of the Petition it being against him & might have time allow^{d} him to make his Answer thereto w^{ch} was granted; and

Ordered, That y^{e} Consideration of the s^{d} Petition be Referred till Tuesday next at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That his Excell$^{cy's}$ Speech be taken into the consideration of y^{e} House imediately & accordingly the speech was read.

A Motion being made and the Question being put Whether y^{t} part of his Excell$^{cy's}$ speech relating to y^{e} Security of y^{e} Proprietors Right to the Soil, should be taken into further Consideration, & a Bill be prepared & brought in to Confirm and Secure y^{e} Prop^{rs} in their Right to the Soil of this Province wth y^{e} Quit Rents according to y^{e} Conveyances made by y^{e} Duke of York. It past in y^{e} affirmative.

Ordered that M^{r} Fretwel & M^{r} John Reid, M^{r} W^{m} Hall & Tho^{s} Gordon, Esq^{re}, be a Com^{ee} to prepare and bring in y^{e} s^{d} Bill.

A Motion being made & a Question being put That y^{e} same Com^{ee} should prepare and bring in a Bill, prohibiting & debarring all purchases of Land from y^{e} Indians without y^{e} Prop^{rs} Consent. It passed in y^{e} affirmative.

Ordered That M^{r} John Key & M^{r} Th^{o} Lambert do wait upon his Excell^{cy} & pray he would please to favour y^{e} House wth y^{e} Laws of the Western Division of New Jersey for their perusal.

Ordered that M^{r} Hartshorn, M^{r} Harrison, M^{r} Howden & M^{r} Forster, be a Com^{ee} to prepare & bring in a Bill Relating to y^{t} part of His Excell$^{cy's}$ speech, for y^{e} Reconciling y^{e} unhappy Differences which have happened in this Province.

Resolved that this H^{s} will take into their Consideration on Wednesday next at a Clock in the forenoon, That part of His Excell$^{cy's}$ speech Recomending y^{e} Raising & Settling of a Revenue for defraying y^{e} necessary Charge of this Goverm^{t} in Order to Support y^{e} dignity of it.

M^{r} Key and M^{r} Lambert reported that they had waited upon his Excell^{cy}, who was pleased to tell them that he would send the

the Laws of the Western Division of New Jersey to y^e^ House imediately.

The House Adjourned till 3 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ afternoon.

P. M. 12 Nov^r^ 1.703

M^r^ Speaker Acquainted y^e^ H^s^ That having been w^th^ his Excell^cy^ he was pleased to desire him to Acquaint y^e^ H^s^, That he had the Book of the Laws of West Jersey, but having put it up in a Box w^th^ other Books, they were left at Elizabeth Town, but y^t^ His Excell^cy^ had sent for them, y^e^ House should have them tomorrow.

M^r^ Gordon moved to y^e^ House That he may have leave to send for such persons as he should want towards y^e^ making of his defence on Tuesday next to y^e^ Petition of Cap^tn^ Jno Bown Esq^re^ & others.

Ordered That leave be granted him to send for all such persons as he shall find necessary towards his making of his Defence, and all such persons are Ordered to attend accordingly, being duly Sumoned.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 of the Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 13 Nov^r^ 1.703

M^r^ Rich^d^ Salter, praying leave to be Admitted in, begged that he w^th^ y^e^ other persons complaining of an undue Election & Return of five of y^e^ Members for y^e^ Eastern Division of New Jersey, might have leave to call so many & such evidences, as they should see necessary to make good their allegations in their said Petition.

Ordered that Richard Salter &c. have leave to call such Evidences as they may see meet to prove y^e^ Allegations in their s^d^ petition, so that y^e^ number of y^e^ evidences do not exceed Twenty.

A Motion was made, That whereas there have been some acts made in y^e^ Western Division for Levying monies for y^e^ of y^e^ Governm^t^ while under y^e^ administration of Coll Hamilton dec^d^, which monies were Advanced by some particular p'sons, but y^e^ s^d^ Taxes were never Collected, nor they Reimbursed, It therefore might be proper to enact, some new Law whereby y^e^ of y^e^ Deficiencies of y^e^ said Taxes might be enforced, y^t^ they who out Love to, & Welfare of the Gover^t^ have Advanced their money, upon y^e^ Credit of y^e^ said Taxes, may be repaid y^e^ Same.

Ordered That y^e^ Consideration of y^e^ s^d^ Motion be referred to a

a Com^ee of y^e whole H^s to sit on Thursday next at 4 aclock in y^e Afternoon.

The H^s adjourned till Monday next at 10 a clock in y^e forenoon.

DIE LUND, A. M. 15 Nov^r 1.703

Ordered That y^e Records of y^e former Laws of East New Jersey, be laid before this House forthwith, & That Tho^s Gordon Esqr do lay y^e same before it accordingly.

The Clerk being call'd out, Returned and Acquainted y^e H's, That his Excell^cy was favourably pleased according to y^e Humble Request of the House to lay before them, y^e former Laws of West New Jersey, & then

The H^s Adjourned to 3 o'clock in the y^e Afternoon.

P. M. 15 Nov^r

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 9 of y^e Clock.

DIE MARTIS, A. M. 16^th Nov^r 1,703.

Cap^t Jn^o Bown praying leave to be Admitted, desired y^e H^s would please to grant him a Sumons, for three p'sons w^ch were unwilling otherwise to Appear as Evidences for him to make good his Alleg'ns in his Petition Ag^st Th^s Gordon Esq^r

Resolved That y^e former order of this House to Richard Salter & others to produce such Evidence as they shall think meet to prove y^e allegations of their Petition, y^e number not exceeding Twenty was sufficient—And y^e H^s doth not think fit to grant any other.

A Motion being made by Tho^s Gordon Esq^r & John Reid, and the question being to be done, That whereas they humbly conceived; Rich^d Hartshorn Esq^re was not duly qualified to sit in this H^s, They might be permitted to make humble applica'on to his Excell^cy & Council, That he would please to Inquire into y^t matter & to give their opinion therein. It pass'd in y^e affirmative.

Miles Forster reported from y^e Com^ee to whom it was Referred, to prepare & bring in a Bill Relating to that part of his Excell^cy Speech for reconciling y^e unhappy differences, w^ch have happened in this Province, w^ch he read in his place, and delivered in at y^t Table, where the same were read & agreed to by y^e H^s as followeth, viz^t

That towards y^e Settling y^e Quiet & peace of this Goverm^t (upon

(upon particular Enquiry) they cannot find any Instances y^t^ Require an act of Indemnity to be so suddenly past, w^ch^ they think ought to be with Most Mature Considera'on, And it is their Opinion, y^t^ y^e^ Time w^ch^ would be spent in framing such a Bill, may be better Imploied in y^t^ more Important affairs of y^e^ Goverm^t^

Resolved That y^e^ further Consideration of this Report be referred to y^e^ next Sessions of this Assembly.

The H^s^ adjourned till 3 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. 16 Nov^r^ 1.703

A Motion being made That two of y^e^ members of this House, do wait on his Excell^cy^ & know if his Excell^cy^ in Council will please to swear or Attest y^e^ Evidences to appear before this H^s^ or appoint some of y^e^ Council to Swear or Attest them in y^e^ House.

Ordered That M^r^ Fretwell and M^r^ Forster do carry y^e^ s^d^ Message.

A Message from y^e^ Gov^r^ & Coll Morris, in Answer to y^e^ Complaint made by M^r^ Gordon & M^r^ Reid, ag^st^ Richard Hartshorn, Desiring y^t^ y^e^ House will please to give leave to M^r^ Hartshorn to attend y^e^ Board.

Ordered That M^r^ Hartshorn have leave to attend y^e^ Governor & Council & y^t^ M^r^ Reid & M^r^ Gordon who Complain^d^ of his being unqualified to sit in this H^s^ do attend with him. And y^t^ M^r^ Fretwell & M^r^ Forster do also Attend on y^e^ same Occasion.

Ordered That Candles be brought in.

M^r^ Fretwel & M^r^ Forster Reported That they had attended his Excell^cy^ w^th^ the Message, and that his Excell^cy^ was pleased for y^e^ ease of the House to appoint some of y^e^ Council to swear or Attest such as the H^s^ was pleased to admit as Evidences, and accordingly Coll Lewis Morris, Cap^t^ Andrew Bown, Maj^r^ W^m^ Sanford, Lieu^t^ Co^l^ Tho^s^ Revel, Cap^tn^ Samuel Walker, & M^r^ Dan^l^ Leeds were sent to y^e^ House as a Com^ee^ of y^e^ Council to swear or Attest y^e^ s^d^ Evidences.

The H^s^ (according to Order) proceeded to y^e^ hearing y^e^ Petition of John Bown & others Complaining of an undue Election of Co^l^ Richard Townley, M^r^ Ja^s^ Reid, Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Harrison, M^r^ Mich^l^ Howden, & M^r^ Jedadiah Allen, to serve as Members for y^e^ Eastern Division, of Nova Cesarea, & the s^d^ Petition being read, Tho^s^ Gordon Esq^r^ did give in his Answer, w^ch^ was also read.

A Motion being made, and y^e^ Question being put, That y^e^ p'sons

p'sons Signing & Sealing the Indentures w^th^ Tho^s^ Gordon Esq^re^ High Sherrif, and y^e^ Witnesses thereto should be first sworn & Examined, I^t^ past in y^e^ affirmative. And accordingly y^e^ Evidences for y^e^ Sherif were sworn before y^e^ Com^ve^ of y^e^ Council.

Ordered That y^e^ hearing & Examining of y^e^ Evidences sworn for y^e^ Sherrif be Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a'clock & y^t^ y^e^ five persons Petitioning be acquainted y^e^ with, & that they may be present at y^e^ s^d^ Examination if they please. And then

The House Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 17 Nov^r^ 1.703

M^r^ Reid, M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Fretwel & M^r^ Forster Reported from the Gov^r^ & Council, That upon examination of M^r^ Hartshorn's Qualifica'on to sit in this H^s^, The Gov^t^ was pleased to desire him to consider of it & to qualify himself as y^e^ Law requires, Whereupon,

A Motion being made and the Question being put, That M^r^ Hartshorn should sit in y^e^ H^s^ of Representatives as a Member thereof, till he should qualify himself as y^e^ Law requires—It past in y^e^ Negative.

Ordered That M^r^ Richard Hartshorn withdraw from this H^s^ until he qualifies himself as y^e^ Law Requires, & he withdrew accordingly.

A Motion being made & question being put, Whether y^e^ Evidences of y^e^ Sherrif in answer to y^e^ Petition of Cap^t^ Jno Bown and others shall be heard by y^e^ House, as a H^s^ or as a Com^ee^ of the whole H^s^ It passed Nemine Contradicente, That they should be heard y^e^ H^s^ as a House.

Ordered That M^r^ Sherrif's Evidences be heard forthwith before y^e^ H^s^ w^thout^ any Council at Law, and y^t^ y^e^ Petitioners be present.

The evidences being severally examined the
H^s^ did adjourn till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 18^vo^ 9^bris^ 1.703

The House after Long Debate Whether y^e^ Evidences produced by Tho^s^ Gordon Esq^r^ & Examined before this H^s^ be suficient & no further Evidence to be allowed.

A Motion being made & y^e^ Question put That y^e^ Evidence w^ch^ was produced for y^e^ Regularity & Legality of the Return made Tho Gordon Esq^r^ for members to sit in this H^s^ was sufficient or not? and it past in y^e^ affirm-ative.

M^r^

Mr Gordon moved to yc Hs That yc Petition of Captn Jno Bown & others may be dismist & himself be allow'd his Charges. The Considera'on of yc sd Motion, be Adjourned till ye afternoon. And then

The Hs Adjourned till 3 a Clock in ye Afternoon.

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The Hs having considered ye Motion made by Mr Gordon in ye forenoon,

Resolved That ye Petition of Captn Jno Bown & others, be dismissed, & that Col Richd Townley, Mr Jedadiah Allen, Mr Michl Howden, Mr Jno Reid, & Capt Jno Harrison, were duly elected, & Elected to sit as Members in ye House of Representatives of Nova Cesarea.

Resolved That This Hs Shall not take into their Consideration to allow Mr Gordon, Charges agst Capt John Bown & others.

A motion being made & the Question being put, That ye Hs take Cognizance of yc Clerks who took ye Poll at ye Election at Amboy & refused to deliver them to ye Sherrif. It past in ye Negative.

Ordered That ye Considera'on of that part of his Excellcy's Speech wch Recomends the raising & settling a Revenue for defraying yc necessary Charge of ye Govt & Support of ye Dignity of it, be Adj'd till Munday next at 10 a clock in yc forenoon.

The Hs Resolved itself into a Comee of ye Whole House to consider of ye Enforcing yt payment of ye deficiencies of former Taxes in ye Western Division of Nova Cesarea. And after sometime Spent therein Mr Speaker resum'd ye Chair, & Mr Forster Reported from ye said Comee, That they had come to a Resolution therein, wch they had directed him to Report, When ye Hs will please to receive ye same.

Ordered That ye sd report be made to morrow at 10 of the Clock in ye forenoon, And then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 19o 9bris 1.703

Mr Forster (according to Order) Reported from ye Comee of yc Whole Hs to whom ye consideration of enforcing ye payment of the Deficiencies of former Taxes in yc Western Division of Nova Cesarea, That they had made a Resolution therein, wch he read in his place & is as followeth.

That they are of opinion a Bill be drawn up to enforce ye payment

payment of former Taxes, raised in y^e^ Western Division of Nova Cesarea according to y^e^ Quotas of those assess^mts^ in y^e^ several Laws by w^ch^ those Taxes were Raised.

Resolved That y^e^ Consider'on of y^e^ s^d^ Report be Adjourned till y^e^ next Sessions of this Gen^l^ Assembly, if time cannot now be allowed for y^e^ same.

P. M. 19° 9^bris^ 1.703

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till to-morrow 9 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ forenoon.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 20° 9^bris^ 1.703

A motion was made, & y^e^ Question put, That a Bill shall be prepared & brought in to Regulate y^e^ Election of Members to sit in y^e^ Gen^l^ Assembly,—It past in y^e^ Affirmative, whereupon,

Another question was put, That every Member who shall be capable to be elected to sit in Gen^l^ Assembly, shall be vested of One Thousand acres of Land, in his own Right, or otherwise be worth Five hundred pounds—& an Inhabitant in y^e^ Province. And every person who shall be capable, or have a Right to Elect, shall be Vested of One hundred acres of Land of his own Right, or otherwise be worth Fifty pounds y^e^ s^d^ Lands or Estate to be within y^e^ Province. It past in y^e^ Affirmative, & Then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday 9 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ forenoon.

DIE LUND, A. M. 22° 9^bris^ 1.703

M^r^ Fretwel (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill to Confirm & Secure y^e^ Proprietors in their Right to y^e^ Soil of this Province, w^th^ y^e^ Quit Rents according to y^e^ Conveyances made to y^e^ Duke of York, w^ch^ was received & Read y^e^ 1^st^ time; and

Ordered to be Read y^e^ 2^nd^ time tomorrow at 3 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. 22° 9^bris^ 1.703

M^r^ Reid moved That y^e^ House would (according to Order) enter upon y^e^ consideration of y^t^ part of his Excell^cy^ speech Relating to the Raising & Settling a Revenue for y^e^ Support of y^e^ Goverm^t^

Whereupon a Question was put That a Tax be raised for defraying

fraying y^e^ necessary Charge of y^e^ Goverm^t^ & Support of y^e^ Dignity thereof. It past in y^e^ Affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

Ordered That y^e^ further Considera'on of y^e^ s^d^ Resolution be adjourned till tomorrow twelve of y^e^ Clock.

Ordered That a Bill be prepared & brought in for y^e^ Regulating of Elections of Members to sit in Gen^l^ Assembly.

Also,

That a Bill be prepared & brought in to Settle and Determine y^e^ 2 Salaries or Fees of those who are or shall be Elected to serve as Members in Gen^l^ Assembly, And y^t^ M^r^ Fretwell, M^r^ Reid, M^r^ Gordon & M^r^ Hall, do prepare & bring them in. And then

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 23^o^ 9^bris^ 1.703

M^r^ Fretwell (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill for Regulating y^e^ purchasing of Lands from y^e^ Indians. And also,

A Bill for Ascertaining y^e^ Representatives Fees of Gen^l^ Assembly, w^ch^ were received. The former being read y^e^ first time, was

Ordered a 2^d^ Reading to morrow at Eleven a Clock.

The other being also read, y^e^ 1^st^ Time, was Ordered to be read y^e^ 2^d^ time tomorrow Twelve o'clock.

The H^s^ (according to order) proceeded to y^e^ Consideration of y^e^ Resolution That a Tax shall be raised for defraying y^e^ necessary Charges of y^e^ Gover^t^ & support of y^e^ Dignity thereof. And after some Debates thereon,

Resolved, That y^e^ Sum of One Thousand pounds be Granted to Her Ma^ty^ y^e^ Queen, her Heirs & Successors for y^e^ defraying y^e^ necessary Charge of this Gov^t^ & Supporting y^e^ Dignity of it.

A motion being made, & y^e^ Question put That there be money raised for paying of y^e^ Representatives Fees and other Officers attending that H^s^ with y^e^ Incidental Charges y^t^ may Accrue thereof,

Resolved That y^e^ Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be raised for paying y^e^ Representatives Fees, & other Officers of y^e^ H^s^ & other Incidental Charges thereof.

P. M 23^o^ 9^bris^ 1.703

The Bill for settling and Confirming y^e^ Estates of all Proprietors

prietors and purchasers of Lands w^th^in this Province, of New Jersey, (was according to Order) read a 2^d^ Time, And some amendm^ts^ made to it.

Ordered That y^e^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amendm^ts^ be Engrossed, and then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 24^o^ 9^bris^ 1.703.

A motion being made & y^e^ Question put, That y^e^ Boundaries of y^e^ Sev^al^ Counties of y^e^ Eastern Division be Ascertained this Session. It past in y^e^ Negative. Whereupon

The Question was put. That y^e^ Bill for Regulating of Elections for Representatives to sit in Gen^l^ Assembly, be brought in this Session. It past in y^e^ Affirmative.

The Bill for Regulating y^e^ purchasing Lands from y^e^ Indians was (according to Order) read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, And some Amend^mts^ being made to it,

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amend^mts^ be Engrossed And read the 3^d^ Time tomorrow in y^e^ forenoon.

The Bill for Ascertaining y^e^ Representatives Fees of Gen^l^ Assembly was, (according to Order) read a 2^d^ time, and an Amendm^t^ being made thereto,

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amendm^t^ be Engrossed & read y^e^ 3^d^ time tomorrow forenoon.

Adjourned to 3 a clock.

P. M. 24^to^ 9^bris^ 1.703.

The Bill for Settling & Confirming y^e^ Estates of all Prop^rs^ & purchasers of Lands w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, being read y^e^ 3^d^ Time,

Resolved The Bill do pass.

Ordered That M^r^ Lambert, M^r^ Allen & M^r^ Forster do carry up y^e^ Bill to y^e^ Council for their Concurrence.

The petition of Rich^d^ Dell was presented to y^e^ H^s^ & read Praying y^e^ H^s^ would take into their Consideration y^e^ Repaving of y^e^ Highways & Bridges leading from Amboy Ferry to Bur-Burlington. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 25^to^ 9^bris^ 17.03

The Bill for Regulating y^e^ purchasing of Land from y^e^ Indians was Read y^e^ Third time,

Resolved

Resolved, The Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Allen, Mr Lambert, Mr. Forster do carry up ye sd Bill to ye Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered That Mr Fretwel Mr Hall, Mr Gordon, Mr Reid, Mr Howden and Mr Lambert be a Comee to prepare & bring in a Bill for raising of ye Money voted by this House.

P. M. 25o 9bris 1.703

A Motion being made That ye Hs would take into Consider'a'on, State of ye Highways & Road throughout ye Province.

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS, A. M. 26o 9bris 1.703

Mr Key presented into ye Hs a Bill for Enforcing ye payment of former Taxes, in ye Western Division of Nova Cesarea, wch was rec'd & read &

Ordered to be read a 2d Time tomorrow 9 a Clock.

A motion was made, That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for Regulating & Ascertaining ye Assize of Cask, Weights & Measures.

Ordered that Mr Forster, Mr Key, & Mr Allen do prepare & bring in a Bill accordingly. And then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock

DIE SABBATI A. M. 27o 9bris 1.703

The Bill for enforcing ye paymt of former Taxes in ye Western Division of Nova Cesarea; was read a 2d Time (according to Order) And Committed. And a Comee was appointed accordingly. and then

The Hs Adjourned till Munday 9 a 'Clock.

DIE LUND, 29no 9bris 1.703

Mr John Key Reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bill for Enforcing ye paymt of former Taxes in ye Western Division of Nova Cesarea, that they had gone thro' ye said Bill, & made some Amendmts thereto, wch they directed him to Report, when ye Hs will please to receive ye same.

Ordered That ye Report be made imediately, Whereupon he read ye same in his place, & then delivered them in at ye Table where the same were read.

Resolved

Resolved that y^e^ further considera'on of y^e^ said Report be Adjourned till 9 a Clock.

Mr. Forster (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^, a Bill for the Regulating & ascertaining y^e^ Assize of Cask, Weights and Measures, w^th^in this Colony of Nova Cesarea, w^ch^ was recd, & then

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till to-morrow 9 a clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 30° 9^bris^ 1.703.

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock

P. M. 30^th^ 9^bris^ 1.703

The H^s^ Adjourned till 9 a Clock tomorrow.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 1° X^bris^ 1.703

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. 1° X^bris^ 1.703

The H^s^ Adjourned till 8 O'clock tomorrow precisely.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 2° X^bris^ 1.703

M^r^ Fretwel (according to Order) presented to y^e^ House a Bill for raising y^e^ sum of One Thousand pounds to be given to her Maj^ty^ for the defraying y^e^ necessary Charge of this Govern^t^ & Supporting y^e^ Dignity of it. And also for raising y^e^ Sum of Three hundred pounds for paying y^e^ Representatives Fees, & other Incidental Charges of y^e^ House w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time. And

Ordered That it be read a 2^d^ Time tomorrow morning

Mr. Gordon moved That leave may be given to bring in a Bill for Confirming y^e^ former proceedings of Courts of Judicature w^th^ in this Province, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till to morrow 9 a'clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 3° X ^bris^ 1703

The Bill for raising y^e^ Sum of £1.000, to be given to Her Ma^ty^ for y^e^ Defraying y^e^ necessary Charges of this Gov^t^ & Supporting y^e^ Dignity of it: And also for y^e^ raising of £300, for paying y^e^ Representatives Fees & other Incidental Charges of

of y^t House, was (according to Order) read a second Time & Comitted to a Com^ee of y^e whole H^s to set in y^e afternoon.

P. M. 3^o X ^bris 1.703

The H^s (according to Order) Resolved it self into a Com^ee of y^e Whole House to consider of y^e Bill for raising y^e Sum of £1.000 &c, And after sometime Spent therein, M^r Speaker Resumed y^e Chair, & M^r Forster Reported from y^e said Com^ee, That they had made some progress in y^e Matter to y^m referred, but had not compleated y^e same, wherefore y^e Com^ee directed him to move, That they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved That this House will Resolve itself into a Com^ee of the whole H^s tomorrow 8 a Clock to consider further of y^e said Bill and then

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 4^to X ^bris 1.703

The H^s (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole House, to consider farther of y^e Bill for raising y^e Sum of £1.000 &c. And after some time spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed y^e Chair, and M^r Forster Reported from y^e s^d Com^ee that they had made a further progress in y^e Bill to them Comitted, but had not finished y^e same ; he also Acquainted y^e House y^t he was directed by y^e Com^ee, to Move, That they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved That this H^s will at 3 a Clock Resolve itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole H^s to Consider farther of y^e s^d Bill.

P. M. 4^to X^bris 1.703

The H^s (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole H^s to Consider further of y^e Bill for raising y^e sum of £1000, &c. And after some time Spent therein, M^r Speaker Resumed y^e Chair, & M^r Forster Reported from y^e s^d Com^ee, That they had made sev^l Amendmts to y^e Bill, w^ch they had directed him to Report, w^ch he read in his place & afterward delivered in at y^e Table, where they were read, & w^th some further Amendm^ts agreed to by y^e House.

Ordered That y^e Bill w^th y^e Amendmts be Engrossed. And Then

The H^s Adjourned till Monday 10 a Clock.

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DIE LUNAE A. M. 6° X^bris 1.703

The Bill for Raising y^e Sum of £3.000 &c. being read y^e 3^d Time,

Resolved That y^e Bill do pass.

Ordered That M^r Hall & M^r Howden do carry up y^e Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The H^s having taken into their Considera'on y^e Report of y^e Com^ee unto whom y^e payment of former Taxes in y^e Western Division of Nova Cesarea, was Referred, & having made several Amendmts thereto,

Ordered That y^e Bill w^th y^e Amendm^ts be Ingrossed, and then

The H^s Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. Ejudd, dies,

The H^s Adjourned to 8 A Clock tomorrow.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 7° X^bris 1.703

An Engrossed Bill for y^e enforcing y^e paym^t of a Tax laid on y^e Western Division of Nova Cesarea, in y^e year 1.700, being for an Hon^ble Support of ye Goverm^t, & Defraying sev^l Provincial Debts, already Contracted ; was read a Third Time ;

Resolved That y^e Bill do Pass.

An Engrossed Bill for ascertaining y^e Representatives Fees of Gen^l Assembly, was read y^e 3^d time,

Resolved, That y^e Bill do pass,

Ordered, That M^r Harrison & M^r Stevenson do carry up y^e s^d Bill to y^e Council for their Concurrence And then

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 8° X ^bris 1.703

The H^s Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P.M. 8° X ^bris 1.703

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 3 a Clock in the Afternoon.

DIE JOVIS P.M. 9° X ^bris 1.703

A message from y^e Council by Maj^r Sanford, That they have agreed to a Bill Entituled a Bill for Regulating y^e purchasing of

of Lands from y^e^ Indians, w^th^ some Amendm^ts^, to w^ch^ they desire the Concurrence of this H^s^ And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 10° X ^bris^ 1.703

The H^s^ proceeded to y^e^ considera'on of y^e^ Amendm^ts^ made to the Bill Entituled a Bill for Regulating y^e^ purchasing of Lands from y^e^ Indians, w^ch^ were severally read and agreed unto by y^e^ H^s^ w^th^ one further Amendm't.

Ordered That M^r^ Howden & M^r^ Lambert do carry y^e^ Bill to the Council and Acquaint them, y^t^ y^e^ House to their Amendm^ts^ & have added one further Amendm^t^, to w^ch^ they desire their Concurrence.

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till 9 a Clock tomorrow.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 11° X ^bris^ 1.703

A message from y^e^ Council by Mj^r^ Sanford Acquainting the H^s^ that they had agreed to y^e^ further Amendm^t^ to y^e^ Bill Entituled A Bill for Regulating y^e^ purchasing of Lands from y^e^ Indians, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 11° X^bris^ 1.703

A Message from y^e^ Council by M^r^ Walker, That they have agreed to y^e^ Bill Entituled A Bill for Ascertaining y^e^ Representatives Fees of Gen^l^ Assembly w^th^ some Amendments, to w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of this House & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday 8 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 13° X^bris^ 1.703

The House having entred upon y^e^ Considera'on of y^e^ Amendm^ts^ made by y^e^ Council to y^e^ Bill Entituled A Bill for Ascertaining y^e^ Representative Fees of Gen^l^ Assembly, & after some time spent therein,

Ordered That y^e^ Bill w^th^ the Amendm^ts^ lay upon y^e^ Table for the perusal of the members.

A motion being made That an humble Address be drawn up to be presented unto Her Most Sacred Majesty Rendring her our most hearty thanks for her Maj^ties^ great care and Goodness in taking us under her imediate Administration.

Ordered

Ordered That Mr Fretwel, Mr Lambert, Mr Reid, & Mr Howden do prepare & bring in ye sd Address forthwith.

A message from His Excellcy by Mr Walker,—Mr Speaker, His Excellcy Comands this House to attend him in Council imediately.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with ye House, went to Attend His Excellcy in Council, where His Excellcy was pleased to pass & Sign a Bill Entituled a Bill for Regulating ye purchasing of Land from ye Indians.

And then His Excellcy was pleased to direct ye Clerk of ye Assembly to enter in ye Journal of ye House, her most sacred Majties Orders directing That No Governe, Lieut Govr &c Should Claim or Receive any present for ye future, wch Orders are as follows vizt.

To our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Edwd Viscount Cornbury, Our Captn Genl, & Govr in Chief in & over Our Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey in America, And to Our Council of our sd Province, and to Our Chief Govr & Council of our sd Province for ye time being * * * * * * New Jersey. * * *

ANNE R.

Right, Trusty and well-beloved, we greet you well; Whereas we have Appointed you Our Governor-in-Chief of Our Province of New Jersey in (America, and there being no provision made (as we understand) for ye Support of yorself, or of ye Govern^{r} or Lieut Govr of ye said Province for ye time being ; We do hereby signify to you Our Royal Will & Pleasure, That at ye first meeting of ye Assembly, after ye Receipt hereof, you do Acquaint them wth Our expectation, yt in Regard of Our receiving our good Subjects of that Province under Our imediate Protection & Governt, they forthwith Settle a Constant & fixt Allowance on you Our Govr, and Govr and Lt Govr for ye time being, Suitable to their Respective Characters, and Dignity, And yt ye same be done without Limitation of time.

In Considera'on whereof we are hereby pleased to direct, That neither you Our Govr, nor any Govr, Lt Govr, Commander-in-Chief or President of ye Council of Our Said Province for the time being, do give your or their Consent to the

the passing of any Law or any Act for any Gift or present to be made to you or them by y^e^ Assembly. And y^t^ neither you nor They do receive any gift or present from y^e^ Assembly or othere on any Account, or in any manner whatsoever, upon pain of Our Highest Displeasure, and from being recalled from y^e^ your Goverment.

And We do further direct & Require, That this Declaration of Our Royal Will and pleasure be Communicated to y^e^ Assembly at their first Meeting after y^e^ Receipt hereof, & entred in the Registers of our Council & Assembly, y^t^ all persons whom it may concern may govern themselves accordingly. So We Bid you Farewel.

Given at Our Court at S^t^ James, y^e^ 20^th^ day of April 1.703 In y^e^ 2^d^ year of Our Reign.

By her Ma^ties^ Command

NOTTINGHAM.

After w^ch^ his Excell^cy^ was pleased to make a favourable Speech to y^e^ Council and Assembly, as follows, viz^t^

Gentlemen,

The Season of y^e^ year being so far Advanced, makes it absolutely necessary to put an End to this Sessions, for y^e^ present, I could have wisht we could have Dispatcht the several Bills before us, but y^e^ matters contained in them were of so great Moment, y^e^ difficulties so many & y^e^ time so Short, y^t^ it was impossible to finish what I so much desired, how ever this benefit, I hope, we shall all reap from this Sessions, y^t^ is, that being Acquainted with the Nature of those Difficulties, we shall come prepared in y^e^ Spring to Remove them. That such good Laws as may Effectually Ascertain y^e^ Rights of y^e^ Gen^l^ Proprietors, & fully secure every man's Estate may be provided, these being points which will most Conduce to y^e^ peace & welfare of this Colony. I Earnestly Recomend it to you Gentl^m^ of the Council & Assembly, to Imploy your Thoughts seriously to find out y^e^ most Effectual ways to Attain those Desirable Ends. I likewise Recomend to y^r^ Care during y^e^ Recess, to think of what other Laws may be necessary to be past for y^e^ Good Gover^mt^ of this Province in w^ch^ you shall always find me ready to Consent, to all such things, as shall be for the good of y^e^ whole.

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I have nothing more to add at this time, but to desire you to take care in your several Counties, y^{t} peace be preserved.

And then his Excellency was pleased to Adjourn the Assembly to the 18th day of May next in the year 1.704, to Meet at Burlington.

END OF THE FIRST SESSIONS.

.... Journal of the House of Representatives for the Province of Nova Cesarea, or New Jersey, in their Second Sessions begun at Burlington on Friday 1st day of Septem^{br} 1.704

DIE VENERIS A.M. 1^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

The House (according to his Excell$^{cy's}$ Adj^{t}) met, And upon his Excell$^{cy's}$ desire to them Signified by y^{e} Clerk of y^{e} Council,

The H^{s} did Adjourn till Monday at 11 a Clock in y^{e} forenoon.

DIE LUNAE A.M. 4^{o} 7^{oris} 1.704

A Message from His Excell^{cy} by y^{e} Clerk of the Council Acquainting y^{e} H^{s} That His Excell^{cy} Comanded their attendance imediately.

Whereupon y^{e} Speaker wth y^{e} H^{s} went to Attend his Excell^{cy} and being returned,

The H^{s} Adjourned till 3 a Clock in y^{e} afternoon.

P.M. 4to 7^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} met and Adjourned till tomorrow 8 of y^{e} Clock.

DIE MARTIS, A.M. 5to 7^{bris} 1.704

M^{r} Speaker Reported That His Excellency was pleased yesterday to make a favourable Speech to y^{e} H^{s} of w^{ch} he had obtained a Copy from His Excell^{cy} and is as follows vizt

Gentlemen,

The time to w^{ch} you were Adjourned being come, & it being almost a year since y^{r} last Sessions, I do not Question but by your own Observations, you are Satisfied how necessary it is, That some good Laws may be passed at this Time.

I therefore most earnestly recomend it to you Gentlemen of y^{e} H^{s} of Representatives to prepare a Bill to be passed into An Act

Act for y^e^ Settling such a Revenue, upon Her Most Sacred Majesty y^e^ Queen as may be sufficient to Support y^e^ Gover^t^ w^th^ that Honor & Credit w^ch^ y^e^ nature of it Requires, for want of w^ch^ several things of Absolute Necessity for y^e^ good of y^e^ Countrey could not be done.

I think a Bill for regulating y^e^ Militia of this Province will be of great use; I should be glad a good Bill might be prepared for the laying out & keeping in Repair, Good Sufficient Common Highways throughout this Province, & for y^e^ Repairing those already made, w^ch^ will be not only a Conveniency unto y^e^ Inhabitants, but an incourage^mt^ to those of y^e^ Neighboring Provinces, to Trade among us.

The late Attempt by a French privateer within Sandy Hook, upon y^e^ Coast of y^e^ Eastern Division of this Province makes me think it absolutely necessary to Recomend to you, y^e^ raising such a Sum as may be sufficient to Erect a Watch-house, w^th^ Beacon Adjoyning to it, upon ye High lands of Neversincks, w^th^ sufficient maintenance for a man to live there; by w^ch^ means, upon any appearance of Danger, y^e^ Country will be alarmed, & y^e^ people not Exposed to be plundered, as some of them lately were. I must again put you in mind Gent^lm^, of preparing a Good Bill, whereby y^e^ right & Property of y^e^ Gen^l^ Prop^s^ to y^e^ soil of this Province may be Confirmed to them, according to their Respective Rights & Titles, & y^e^ particular Titles and Estate of all the Inhabitants of this Province and other purchasers claiming under y^e^ Gen^l^ prop^rs^ may be Confirmed & Settled, I propose this Method to you because I apprehend y^t^ y^e^ Bill, which was prepared y^e^ last year will not attain y^e^ Ends intended; That these things may be brought to perfection with y^t^ care & Dispatch, y^t^ y^e^ nature of them Requires, I most Earnestly Recomend to you all, Unanimity in your Consultations, y^t^ y^e^ Debates may be carried on w^th^ that Decency, w^ch^ y^e^ Good & welfare of y^e^ Country Requires. I Intreat you to lay aside all animosities, w^ch^ may have been occasioned by former misunderstandings, by this means you will Easily finish the Bills I have proposed to you, and such others as you may fit to Offer to me, for y^e^ Service of y^e^ Queen and y^e^ Good of y^e^ Countrey, w^ch^ I am sure ought to be Inseparable; I have nothing further to Ask at present, but to Recomend to you Dispatch, y^t^ by the shortness of this Sessions, I may be able to Attend Her Maj^ties^ Service at New York, in y^e^ beginning of y^e^ next month.

Resolved That this H^s^ will in an Humble Address give his Excell^cy^ their most hearty thanks for his favourable Speech.

Ordered that Mr. Peter Fretwell, Mr. John Reid, Mr. Tho. Gordon,

Gordon, and Mr. Tho. Lambert be a Com^ee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for uniting y^e unhappy Divisions & Differences y^t have happened in this Province & then

The H^s Adjourned till 2 of y^e Clock in y^e Afternoon.

P. M. 5^to 7^bris 1.704.

The H^s resolved itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole h^s to take into Consideration y^t part of His Excell^cy's Speech relating to y^e laying out & Repairing of public HighWays, And after some time Spent therein, M^r Speaker resumed y^e Chair, & M^r Howden reported from y^e said Com^ee That they had made some progress in y^e Matter to them referred, but had not finished y^e same, and y^t he was directed to move y^t they may have leave to Sit again.

Resolved That this H^s will Resolve itself into a Com^ee of the whole House, on Thursday next at 3 in y^e Afternoon to Consider further of y^e s^d Matter. And then,

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 6^o 7^bris 1.704

M^r Fretwel (according to Order) brought in a Bill for uniting and quieting the minds of all Her Maj^ties Subjects, within this Province, w^ch was received & read y^e 1^st time ; &

Ordered a 2^d reading tomorrow Morning at 10 a Clock.

Ordered That M^r John Hugg have leave to go into y^e Countrey for five days some of his family being sick. And then

The H^s Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 6^o 7^bris 1.704

Ordered That M^r Fretwel, M^r Reid, M^r Gordon & M^r Hall be a Com^ee to prepare & bring in a Bill for Confirming y^e Gen^l Prop^s in their Rights to y^e Soil of this Gov^t & y^e Titles & Estates of all other Inhabitants & purchasers, claiming by and under them—& then

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 7^o 7^bris 1.704

Ordered That M^r W^m Stephenson & M^r J^no Key do wait on his Excell^cy & Know when he will be attended by this House ; who being Returned

Reported

Reported That his Excell^{cy} would be attended by this H^{s} a little before Twelve of ye Clock.

Afterwards M^{r} Speaker left y^{e} Chair & went with the House to attend His Excell^{cy}, & being Returned M^{r} Speaker Reported, y^{t} he wth y^{e} House had attended his Excell^{cy} & delivered their Humble Address w^{ch} His Excell^{cy} was pleased to receive very favourably, & is as follows vizt.

May it please your Excell^{cy}

We her Maj^{ties} most Loyal & Dutiful Subjects, y^{e} Representatives of this Her Maj^{ties} Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, Conven^{d} in Gen^{l} Assembly, do render y^{r} Excell^{cy} our most hearty & thankful Acknowledgements of y^{r} Excell^{cys} many kind and favourable Expressions, contained in y^{r} Excellcy's Speech, And as we shall take all proper Methods for Reconciling all our Differences, w^{ch} (to our great grief) have been fomented, promoted & Continued, amongst her Majesties Good Subjects to y^{e} Shame of Christianity & y^{e} apparent ruine of our Countrey, & to Avoid all heats & Animosities amongst our Selves; So we shall wth y^{e} greatest applica'on, employ our utmost Endeavours to Support & Maintain Her Maj^{ties} Gover^{t} over us, y^{e} Administra'on of which under her Maj^{ty} we heartily pray may long Continue in y^{e} hands of y^{r} Excell^{cy}, And dispatch such things as y^{r} Excell^{cy} has been pleased to Recomend to us, wth what else may be found for y^{e} good of our Countrey, & y^{t} wth all y^{e} Care & Diligence we are capable of, to the Honor of Her Maj^{ty}, y^{e} Good of our Countrey, & the maintaining peace, Unity and Concord among all Her Maj^{ties} Subjects within this Province.

Memoran^{d} That all y^{e} Members of this H^{s} do agree in y^{e} subject-matter above written, tho' sev^{l} of them Dissent from y^{e} Stile of some of y^{e} Expressions therein contained. And then,

The H^{s} adj^{d} till 2 of y^{e} Clock.

P. M. 7^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

The Bill Entituled An Act for Uniting and Quieting y^{e} minds of all Her Maj^{tys} good Subjects wthin this Province, was (according to Order) read y^{e} 2d Time, & Comitted to a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole H^{s} to sit tomorrow at 10 of y^{e} Clock in y^{e} forenoon.

The House then Resolved itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole H^{s} to Consider further of y^{t} part of His Excell$^{cy's}$ Speech, Relating to y^{e} laying out and Repairing of public Highways, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker Resumed y^{e} Chair, And Mr. Howden Reported from

from y^e^ said Com^ee^ That they had come to some Resolutions therein, w^ch^ they desired him to Report, when y^e^ H^s^ will please to receive y^e^ same.

Ordered That y^e^ report be made to-morrow, at 2 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ afternoon.

Resolved That this House will on Monday next at 10 a Clock take y^t^ part of His Excell^cy's^ speech Relating to y^e^ Settling a Revenue on Her Maj^ty^ for y^e^ Support of y^e^ Govern^t^ into their Consideration, & then

The H^s^ adjourned till to-morrow 8 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 8^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

A motion being made and y^e^ question put, That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for Establishing Liberty of Conscience thro'out this Province.

Ordered That y^e^ Considera'on of the y^e^ said Motion be referred till to-morrow 11 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ forenoon.

The H^s^ then resolved itself into a Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole H^s^ upon y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for uniting & quieting y^e^ minds &c; And after some time spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chair, and M^r^ Forster Reported from y^e^ s^d^ Com^ee^ That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made several amendments thereto, w^ch^ they had directed him to Report, & w^ch^ he read in his place & then delivered in at y^e^ Table, where y^e^ same were read and agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Bill with y^e^ Amendments be Engrossed.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Harrison & M^r^ Howden, do attend His Excell^cy^ while Col^l^ Richard Townley, who was Elected and Returned one of y^e^ Members to serve in this present Assembly for y^e^ Eastern Division, doth take y^e^ Oaths appointed by Law to qualify him to sit in this House and then

The House adjourned till 2 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. 8^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

Ordered That M^r^ John Smith have leave to go into y^e^ Countrey for three days on Extraordinary Business.

A motion being made, & y^e^ Question being put, That a Bill may be brought in to restrain y^e^ great profaneness & imorality of y^e^ age,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, & y^t^ M^r^ Fretwel, M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Reid & M^r^ Hall do prepare & bring in y^e^ same.

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A Motion was made y^t^ some course may be taken to Regulate Fences & y^e^ Keeping of Horses & Hogs.

Resolved That this H^s^ will forthwith Resolve itself into a Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole H^s^ to consider of y^e^ s^d^ matter,—And then y^e^ House accordingly Resolved itself into a Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole House, And after Some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker resumed y^e^ Chair, & M^r^ Forster reported from y^e^ s^d^ Com^ee^ That they had made some progress in y^e^ matter to them Referred, & y^t^ he was directed to move y^t^ they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this H^s^ Will Resolve itself into a Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole House tomorrow morning, to Consider further of that matter.

M^r^ Mich^l^ Howden (according to Order) Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ laying out & Repairing of Highways was referred, y^e^ resolutions they had made therein w^ch^ he read in his place.

Ordered That y^e^ further Considera'on of y^e^ s^d^ report be referred till tomorrow at 11 of y^e^ Clock, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI, A.M. 9^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

Ordered That y^e^ motion for bringing in a Bill for Liberty of Conscience, be Adjourned till Tuesday next.

The H^s^ (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Com^ee^ of the whole H^s^ to consider further of y^e^ Regulating of Fences, & keep of Horses & Hogs. And after sometime spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed y^e^ chair, & M^r^ Forster Reported from y^e^ s^d^ Com^ee^, That they have made some further progress in y^e^ Matter to them Referred, & y^t^ he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

The H^s^ (according to Order) proceeded to y^e^ Considera'on of y^e^ Report from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ laying out & repairing y^e^ Public HighWays was referred, & y^e^ s^d^ Resolutions were read at y^e^ Table & agreed to by y^e^ House as follows, vizt :

Resolved, That y^e^ Public Highway from Elizabeth Point to Amboy, be y^e^ same y^t^ was laid out in y^e^ late Gov^r^ Lawries' time, & from Amboy-Ferry to Burlington, be as it now lies by South River Bridge to Cranberry-Brook, & from thence to Chester field Bridge or Cross-wick, & from thence to Burlington, from Burlington to Ferry Point to Philadelphia, And from Burlington to Holingshead Ferry over Northampton River, & from thence to Crapwel Creek, from thence to Howel's Mill on Cooper's Creek, from thence in a direct Line to y^e^ Bridge

Bridge over Glocester River Branch, then as it is already laid out to y^e^ Bridge over Glocester River, & from thence along y^e^ Road to Great Manto Creek, & so to Stephen Jones', from thence to Walloy Dalbo's, so over Racoon Creek, & in a direct line to Old Man's Creek bridge, from thence to Hall's Mill, & so to John Smith's, from thence to Mannenton Creek Bridge, from thence to y^e^ new Bridge at Ivy point, & so into Salem Town, And y^t^ all y^e^ Roads shall be of the breadth of Six Rod.

Resolved That y^e^ Grand Jury of each & every Respective County shall yearly in y^e^ February & March Court, w^th^ y^e^ Approba'on of y^e^ Bench, appoint two persons in Each County, precinct, district or Township to lay out all other necessary Cross Roads & by Roads w^ch^ are to Consist of y^e^ Width of four Rods, & also settle what is proper to be allow'd to those who shall be appointed, for their Service in Laying out y^e^ said Roads.

Ordered, That M^r^ Forster, M^r^ Harrison, M^r^ Howden, Mr. Mason & M^r^ Key do prepare & bring in a bill on y^e^ s^d^ resolutions, and then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday 10 a Clock.

DIE LUNA P. M. 11^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

Ordered That y^e^ considera'on of y^t^ part of his Excell^cies^ Speech, Relating to ye Settling of a Revenue on her Maj^ty^ be Adjourned till to-morrow 8 a Clock.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting and Quieting ye Minds &c., was read ye 3^d^ Time.

Resolved nemine Contradicente, That y^e^ Bill do pass.

Ordered That M^r^ Obadiah Brown & M^r^ Tho Lambert do carry up y^e^ Bill to y^e^ Council for their Concurrence, and then

The H^s^ Adjourned till to-morrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 12^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ (according to Order) proceeded to take into Consideration y^t^ part of his Excell^cy's^ speech, Relating to y^e^ Settling of a Revenue on her Most Sacred Ma^ty^ And then

The House Resolved itself into a Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole H^s^ to consider of y^e^ s^d^ Matter, & after some time spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed y^e^ Chair, & Col^l^ Townley Reported from^e^ y s^d^ Com^ee^ That they had made some progress, in y^e^ matter to them Referred, and y^t^ he was directed to move y^t^ they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved

Resolved That this H^s will to-morrow morning Resolve itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole H^s to Consider further of y^e s^d matter, & that no Other Business Intervene, And then

The H^s Adjourned till to-morrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII, A. M 13° 7^bris 1.704

The H^s (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Com^ee of y^e whole House, to Consider further of y^t part of his Excell^cy's Speech relating to y^e settling of a Revenue upon Her Most Sacred Maj^ty, And after some time Spent therein, M^r Speaker Resumed y^e Chair, And Co^l Townley reported from y^e s^d Com^ee, that they had come to some Resolu'ons therein, w^ch they directed him to Report, when y^e H^s will please receive the Same.

Ordered that y^e said Report be made imediately, & accordingly he read y^e same in his place, & then delivered it in at y^e Table, when y^e same was read & agreed to by y^e House as follows vizt.

Resolved, That a Revenue be granted to her Most Sacred Maj^ty for y^e Support of y^e Gover^t of this Province.

Resolved, That y^e Sum of £1.500, be granted to Her Most Sacred Maj^ty for one year & y^e Sum of £1.000 p Annum, for two years following be granted to her Maj^ty for y^e Support of this Government & then

The H^s Adjourned till 2 a Clock in y^e Afternoon.

P. M. 13° 7^bris 1.704

M^r Fretwell (according to Order) brought in a Bill Entituled an Act for y^e Settling & Confirming of y^e Estates of y^e Prop^s & other Purchasers of Land wi^thin this Province of New Jersey, w^ch was received & read y^e 1^st Time.

And also another Bill, Entituled an Act for Suppressing of all kinds of Immorality & profanness w^thin this Province w^ch was also received & read y^e first time.

Ordered, that M^r Reid, M^r Fretwel, M^r Gordon, & M^r Hall, do prepare & bring in a Bill, for y^e Granting a Revenue unto her Maj^ty pursuant to y^e Resolutions of this House.

A Motion was made, That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for y^e better Ordering of Negro's, & Restraining y^e Selling of Drink to them, or any dealing w^th them, And a Com^ee was appointed accordingly :—Co^l Townly, M^r Lambert, M^r Bown & M^r Hugg.

The H^s adjourned till to-morrow 9 a Clock.

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DIE JOVIS A. M. 14° 7^{bris} 1.704

M^{r} Forster (according to Order) brought in a Bill Intituled An Act for laying out, Regulating, Clearing & preserving Public Comon Highways, thro'out this Province, w^{ch} was rec^{d} & read y^{e} 1st Time, & ordered a 2^{d} reading tomorrow afternoon.

A Bill entituled An Act for y^{e} Regulating & ascertaining y^{e} Assize of Cask, weight & measures wthin this Province, of Nova Cesarea, was read y^{e} 1st time, & ordered a 2^{d} Reading tomorrow afternoon.

The Motion for bringing in a Bill for Liberty of Conscience being taken into Considera'on, Ordered That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and y^{t} M^{r} Key, M^{r} Hugg & M^{r} Howden do prepare & bring in y^{e} Same.

The H^{s} Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 14° 7^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} having proceeded upon y^{e} Consider'on of y^{e} Amendments made by y^{e} Council, to y^{e} Bill Entituled a Bill for Ascertaining the Representatives Fees in Gen^{l} Assembly.

Resolved That y^{e} further Considera'on thereof, be Adjourned till tomorrow morning, and then,

The H^{s} Resolved itself into a Com^{ee} of ye Whole H^{s}, to consider further of y^{e} Regulating of Fences & keeping of Horses & Hogs, And after some time spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resumed y^{e} Chair & M^{r} Forster Reported from y^{e} s^{d} Com^{ee}, That they had come to some Resolu'ons in y^{e} Matter to them Referred, w^{ch} he is ready to Report, when y^{e} House will please to receive y^{e} same,

Ordered That y^{e} Report be made tomorrow, & then

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock,

DIE VENERIS A. M. 15to 7^{bris} 1.704

Ordered that it be an Instruction to y^{e} Com^{ee} Appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for Ordering of Negros, &c, That they add a Clause thereto to Restrain & debar all persons from taking any Pawn from an Indian.

A Motion being made That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for y^{e} Destroying of Wolves,

Ordered That M^{r} Stephenson, M^{r} Key & M^{r} Beedle do prepare & bring in y^{e} same & then

The House Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P.

P. M. 15to 7^{bris} 1.704

M^{r} Forster (according to Order) Reported from y^{e} Com^{ee} to whom the Bill for Regulating of Fences, & keeping of Horses & Hogs was Comitted, The Resolutions w^{ch} they had made, w^{ch} he read in his place & afterwards delivered at y^{e} Table, where y^{e} same were read—

Ordered That y^{e} said Report do lay on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

The Bill Intituled an Act for laying out, Regulating, Clearing & preserving public Comon HighWays, thro'out this Province, was (according to Order) read a 2^{d} time, & Comitted M^{r} Fretwel, M^{r} Reid, M^{r} Gordon & M^{r} Hall,

The Bill Intituled an Act for y^{e} Regulating & Ascertaining y^{e} Assize of Cask, Weights & Measures, wthin this Province, was also (according to Order) read a 2^{d} time.

A motion being made That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for Ascertaining y^{e} Boundaries & Limits of y^{e} Counties. Townships & Districts wthin this Province, Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, & That M^{r} Reid, M^{r} Fretwell, M^{r} Key & M^{r} Hall do prepare & bring in y^{e} same. And then the H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 16to 7^{bris} 1.704

The Bill Intituled an Act for Suppressing all kinds of Immorality & profanness, wthin this Province was read a 2^{d} Time & Comitted to M^{r} Harrison, M^{r} Beedle & M^{r} Lambert & then The H^{s} Adjourned till Wednesday next at ten a Clock in the forenoon.

DIE MERCURY P. M. 20^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 21^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} Adjourned till Two of y^{e} Clock.

P. M. 21^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow nine a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 22^{o} 7^{bris} 1.704

Co^{l} Townley (according to Order) presented to y^{e} H^{s} a Bill for

for Regulating of Negro & Indian Slaves, w^ch^ was rec'd & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time & Ordered to a second Reading.

A Motion being made That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for y^e^ making of good & sufficient Gaols & Court houses, w^th^in every County in this Province, Ordered That Co^l^ Townley, Cap^t^ Harrison & M^r^ Hugg do prepare & bring in y^e^ s^d^ Bill. And then

The H^s^ adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 22^do^ 7^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ Adjourned to 8 a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 23^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Fretwel Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom it was Referred to bring in a Bill for y^e^ Granting a Revenue unto her Ma^ty^ pursuant to y^e^ Resolutions of this House, That they had made some progress in the said Bill, & did Expect to have it ready to be presented to y^e^ H^s^ Munday next.

Co^l^ Townley (according to Order) Presented to y^e^ House a Bill Intituled an Act for building a Court H^s^ & Comon Gaol in every County within this Province, of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ first time & was Ordered at 2^d^ Reading & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. 23^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Key (according to Order) Presented to y^e^ House a Bill Intituled an Act for dividing this Province of Nova Cesarea or N Jersey into Counties & y^e^ Countys' into Townships, Precincts or Districts, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, & Ordered a 2^d^ Reading And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday 9 a Clock,

DIE LUNAE A. M. 25^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for dividing this Province of Nova Cesarea &c was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, & after some Debate thereon,

Resolved That y^e^ H^s^ will Resume the s^d^ Debates in y^e^ Afternoon.

M^r^ Gordon (According to Order) presented to the H^s^ a Bill Entituled

Entituled an Act for Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives w^th^in this Province w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, & then
The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 A Clock.

P.M. 25^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for building a Court house & Common Gaol &c, was read a 2^d^ Time, & Comitted to M^r^ Forster, M^r^ Fretwel & M^r^ Gordon.

M^r^ Harrison Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Intituled an Act for Suppressing of all kinds of Immorality &c, was comitted, That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made several Amend^mts^ thereto, which he read, & with several further Amend^mts^, were agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered That y^e^ Bill with y^e^ Amend^mts^ be Engrossed,

The Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Negro & Indian Slaves was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, and Comitted to M^r^ Forster, M^r^ Fretwel & M^r^ Gordon.

Ordered That y^e^ Resuming y^e^ Debates upon a Bill Intituled An Act for Dividing this Province of Nova Cesarea &c, be Adjourned till tomorrow.

And y^n^ y^e^ H^s^ Adj^d^ till toMorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A.M. 26^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Intituled an Act for Suppressing of Imorality w^th^in this Province was read y^e^ Third time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

Ordered That Cap^tn^ Harrison & M^r^ Lambert do carry up y^e^ s^d^ Bill to y^e^ Council for their Concurrence.

The Debates upon y^e^ Bill Entituled An Act for Dividing this Province of Nova Cesarea &c, being Resumed (according to Order) & after some time Spent therein,

Ordered That y^e^ Bill be Comitted to M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Reid, M^r^ Forster & Cap^tn^ Harrison & y^t^ they have power to send for persons, Papers & Records, & then
The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 26^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Reid (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Intituled an Act for Raising a Revenue for y^e^ Support of Her Ma^ties^ Govern^t^ for three years, w^ch^ was rec'^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, and Ordered a 2^d^ Reading Thursday morning, & then
The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

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DIE MERCURII A. M. 27° 7 bris 1.704

Mr Key (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill for destroying of Wolves & Panthers wthin this Province, wch was rec'd & read ye 1st time & Ordered a 2d Reading, & then
The Hs Adjourned til 2 a Clock.

P. M. 27° 7bris 1.704

Mr Forster Reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bills for building a Court house & Comon Gaol in every County wthin this Province was Comitted, That they had gone thro' ye sd Bill, & made sevlt Amendmts which he read in his place & were agreed to by ye House,
Ordered That ye sd Bill wth ye Amendmts be Ingrossed.
Mr Gordon Reported from ye Comee to whome ye Bill for Dividing the Province of Nova Cesarea &c, was Comitted, yt they had made some amendmts to ye sd Bill, wch he read in his place, & then delivered in at ye Table where ye same was read & agreed to,
Ordered, That ye Bill wth ye Amendmts be Ingrossed & then,
The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 28° 7bris 1.704

Mr Forster reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bill for regulating of Negro & Indian Slaves was Comitted, That they had gone thro' ye sd Bill, & made Sevl Amendmts thereto, wch he read & afterwards deld in at ye Table, where ye same were read, & wth some further Amendmts were agreed to by ye House.
Ordered That ye sd Bill wth ye Amendmts be Ingrossed.
Mr Fretwel Reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bill for laying out, Regulating, cleaning & preserving public Comon High Ways thro'out this Province was Comitted, That they had made sevl amendmts to ye sd Bill wch he read in his place & afterwards delivered in at ye Table, where the same were read & wth some other amendmts, agreed to by ye House.
Ordered That ye Bill with ye amendmts be Ingrossed.
Mr Gordon presented to ye Hs a Bill for Recovering Debts against Non-Residents, wch was recd & read ye 1st Time.
The Bill for Raising a Revenue &c, (was according to Order) read ye 2d Time, And Ordered to be Comitted to a Comee of ye Whole House to sit tomorrow morning.
Ordered That ye Bill for ye Regulating & Ascertaining ye Assize

Assize of Cask, Weights & Measures, w^th^in this Colony of Nova Cesarea, be Committed, and a Com^ee^ was appointed accordingly.

The Bill for Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives w^th^in this Province, was read the 2^d^ Time.

The Bill for Destroying of Wolves & panthers w^th^in this Province was also read y^e^ 2^d^ Time.

Ordered That both of y^e^ s^d^ Bills be Comitted to M^r^ Harrison, M^r^ Forster & M^r^ Hugg And then,

The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 28^o^ 7^bris^ 1.704

Cap^tn^ Harrison Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill for y^e^ Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives, w^th^in this Province was Comitted, That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made some Amend^mts^ to y^e^ same, w^ch^ he read in his place & then delivered in at y^e^ Table, when y^e^ same were read and agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered that y^e^ Bill with y^e^ amend^mts^ be Ingrossed.

M^r^ Reid & M^r^ Hall presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill for y^e^ Settling & Confirming y^e^ Estates of y^e^ Prop^s^ & other purchasers of land within y^e^ Eastern Division of this Province, of New Jersey, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, & Ordered to be read a 2^d^ time to-morrow.

M^r^ Fretwel & M^r^ Gordon presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill for settling and Confirming y^e^ Estates of y^e^ Prop^s^ & other purchasers of Land, w^th^in y^e^ Western Division of this Province of N, Jersey, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & also read y^e^ 1^st^ time, & Ordered to be read a 2^d^ Time tomorrow.

A Message from His Excell^cy^ by y^e^ Clerk of the Council :— M^r^ Speaker, his Excell^cy^ Comands this H^se^ to Attend him inediately. And then y^e^ Speaker left y^e^ Chair & w^th^ the H^s^ went to Attend his Excell^cy^ when his Excell^cy^ was pleased to make y^e^ following Speech, vizt—

Gentlemen,

On the 4^th^ of this Month I acquainted You with such things as I thought necessary for y^e^ Service of her Most Sacred Ma^ty^, y^e^ Queen, & y^e^ good of this Province, to be past into Laws this Sessions, And I desired you to give what dispatch you could to y^e^ Matters before you, because I was to attend y^e^ Queen's Service in another place at y^e^ beginning of y^e^ next Month, & on y^e^ 7^th^ you thought fit to present me with an Address, in w^ch^ you gave me Assurance, y^t^ you w^d^ Dispatch y^e^ matters

matters I had recomended, to you, and such others as you thought necessary for y^e^ Good of y^e^ Province. I rely'ed on these promises, and it is w^th^ a great deal of Concern, y^t^ I am forced to say, y^t^ you have had no manner of Regard to these promises, Y^e^ Two Bills which I believe all mankind will agree are y^e^ most necessary (because y^e^ one was to provide for y^e^ Support of y^e^ Govern^mt^ & y^e^ other for y^e^ Defence of y^e^ Country) I mean y^e^ Bill to Settle y^e^ Revenue & y^t^ to settle y^e^ Militia of this Province, have been so little Regarded, y^t^ y^e^ first was not brought into y^e^ H^s^ till Tuesday last, a day so late in point of time, y^t^ everybody knows it is Impossible for me to stay to pass it, if it were a Bill proper to Answer y^e^ Ends, for w^ch^ it ought to be Intended, y^e^ other has not been thought of by you, tho' of so great use for y^e^ Defence of y^e^ Countrey. And I will submit it to y^e^ Judgment of any Impartial men, whether it is possible for any Countrey or Province in y^e^ World to Thrive or Indeed to Subsist, when neither y^e^ Goverm^t^ is provided for, nor y^e^ Countrey put into a posture of defending itself, ag^st^ any Enemy, should any attempt to Invade. This is y^e^ 2^d^ Sessions y^t^ you have had an opportunity to do those things w^ch^ would have settled this Province upon a lasting foundation of Peace & Happiness. I am well satisfied both y^e^ Queen & y^e^ People expected it from you; who has prevailed upon you to neglect things so necessary for y^e^ welfare of y^e^ whole, I know not, however I shall always endeavour to do my Duty, Therefore y^t^ I may see whether there may not be found persons inclined to support Her Ma^tie's^ Gover^t^ in this Province, as it ought to be, I do think fit to dissolve this present Assembly & and pursuant to y^e^ Power to me Granted, by her most Sacred Ma^ty^ the Queen, under y^e^ Broad Seal of England, this Assembly is Dissolved.

THE END OF THE SECOND SESSIONS.

THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS THIS SESSIONS.

EASTERN DIVISION.	WESTERN DIVISION.
Cap^{tn} John Bown,	M^{r} Restore Lippincot,
M^{r} Rich^{d} Hartshorn,	M^{r} John Hugg,
M^{r} Rich^{d} Salter,	M^{r} John Key,
M^{r} Obadiah Bown,	M^{r} John Smith,
M^{r} Anth^{o} Woodward,	M^{r} W^{m} Hall,
M^{r} John Tunison,	M^{r} John Mason,
M^{r} John Lawrence,	M^{r} Tho Bruyan,
M^{r} Jasper Crane,	M^{r} Rob^{t} Wheeler,
M^{r} Peter Van Esle,	M^{r} Peter Frettwel,
M^{r} Tho Gordon,	Th^{o} Lambert, } Returned but
M^{r} John Barclay,	Tho Gardiner, } not then
M^{r} John Royse.	Joshuah Wright, } Admitted.

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

Journal of the House of Representatives for the Province of Nova Cesarea in the Second General Assembly and 1st Sessions begun at Burlington this 13th day of Novr 1704.

DIE LUNAE P. M. 13o 9bris 1.704

The Members who were Elected Returned & Sworn or attested according to Law to Serve as Representatives for ye Province of Nova Cesarea took their places in ye House & then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS, A. M. 14th Novr 1.704

The Hs proceeded to ye Choice of a Speaker & two Candidates being proposed vizt Mr Fretwel & Capt Bown, & ye Voices being equal, ye Clerk did determine ye Vote by Choosing Mr Fretwel to be Speaker & then,

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 15o 1.704

The Hs went wth their Speaker to present him to his Excy, who was pleased to Approve of ye said Mr Fretwel to be their Speaker.

And being Returned ye Speaker did Acquaint ye House yt he had on behalf of ye House Requested his Excy to Grant ye following Privileges vizt

That ye members and their Servants may be free from arrests or molesta'on during ye Sessions.

That they may have free Access to Your Excies person, when occasion Requires.

That

That they may have liberty of Speech & a favorable construction of all Debates y^t^ may Arise Amongst them, w^ch^ his Excell^y^ was favourably pleased to Grant, & then
The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 of y^e^ Clock.

P. M. 15^to^ 9^bris^ 1.704

Tho Revel & Dan^l^ Leeds Esq^r^ two of her Maj^ty's^ Council for this Province of Nova Cesarea, Craving leave to be Admitted & being Admitted, delivered in a Petition to y^e^ House.
Ordered That y^e^ Considera'on of y^e^ said petition be referred till tomorrow morning,
And then y^e^ H^s^ Adjourned till to-morrow 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 16^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P.M. 16^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ (according to Order) did proceed to y^e^ Considera'on of ye Petition of Tho Revel & Dan^l^ Leeds Esq^rs^ w^ch^ is as follows, viz^t^,
To Y^e^ Hon^ble^ y^e^ House of Representatives,
Gentlemen,
We, underwritten, supposing we have good reason to charge three of y^e^ persons Returned to Serve as Representatives in this Gen^l^ Assembly, but upon due Consideration upon y^e^ premises, find it difficult to come to a true Determina'on thereof, untill we can by further Enquiry, find y^e^ Truth of all we have been Informed of, We y^r^fore humbly desire, 14 days time farther, y^t^ we may be Able more fully to Inform this H^s^ therein, w^ch^ we humbly suppose at present cannot reasonably be Expected from us,

We subscribe ourselves
Your humble suppliants
15^o^ 9^o^ 1.704
Tho^s^ Revel
Dan^l^ Leeds.

And after some Debates y^r^ton The Question was put That y^e^ s^d^ Petition should be allowed as worded or not? It past in y^e^ Affirmative, & y^n^
The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

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DIE VENERIS A.M. 17° 9bris 1.704

The Hs Adjourned till 2 a Clock in ye afternoon.

P.M. 17° 9bris 1.704

Mr Key & Mr Mason moved in behalf of ye 3 persons viz Tho Lambert, Thos Gardner & Josh. Wright who were Retd as Representatives, That they may be Admitted to make appear to ye Hs their Qualifications to sit in this Genl Assembly.

Ordered That they be Admitted, & being Admitted They did produce Copies of Returns of sevl Surveys of Lands possest by them in order to prove their Qualifications to sit as Members of this House.

Resolved That ye aboves^d persons be allowed time till Wednesday Sennight to make their Qualifica'ons more fully appear to this House.

Mr Speaker Reported, That His Excy was pleased on Wednesday last to make a favourable speech to ye House, of wch (to prevent Mistakes) he had obtained a Copy, wch was read, being as follows vizt.

Gentlemen,

The Season of ye Year being so far Advanced, & my Attendance at N. York, upon ye Service of ye Great Queen of Engd my Mistris, necessary, I shall for this Sessions, Recomend to ye Considera'ons, such things only as I think of Absolute necessity to be done, for ye well being of ye whole.

First then I shall lay it Down as a Rule, (wch I believe will be allowed by all reasonable men) That no considerable number of men in any part of the world, can thrive either in their public or Private concerns, or indeed subsist long, wthout a Settled Governmt by which ye Injured may be protected, & to wch all may have recourse, for Justice,—And it is likewise necessary yt Governt should be supported by such a Provision, as will answer all ye Contingencies of Governmt, And certainly if any people in ye universe, are more in Duty bound than others, to support and maintain ye Governt under wch they live, it is those whose propitious Stars have placed, under ye Crown & Laws of England, ye mildest Governt & ye wholesomest Laws in ye Known world, & Especially now, yt we have a Queen, not only Great & Extremely Good, but like a true Mother of her Countrey, always watchful for ye good, Quiet, happiness and prosperity

perity of her people. How happy are those people who are blest with an opportunity of shewing y^e^ least symptom of their Gratitude to so Gracious a Sovereign, These Considera'ons Added to Her Ma^ties^ Comands to Me, Oblige me to Recomend these following heads to y^r^ Considera'ons,—First y^t^ such a Revenue be settled on her Most Sacred Maj^ty^ the Queen, as will be sufficient to Support y^e^ Govern^mt^ w^th^ y^r^ dignity, w^ch^ y^e^ Nature of it Requires.

2^ndly^ That a Bill may be prepared to put y^e^ Militia of this Province into such a Posture, as they may be able to defend y^e^ Countrey, if any Enemy should make any Attempt upon us, w^ch^ is of Absolute necessity, now we are in a State of War.

3^rdly^ I shall Recomend to you, to prepare such a Bill or Bills, as may effectually settle y^e^ Estates of y^e^ Gen^l^ Prop^s^ & likewise of all persons, who have had Grants, or made purchases of Land in this Province.

Lastly, Gent: I Recomend it to you to prepare A Bill for y^e^ making, Repairing & preserving all public & Comon Highways, & Bridges ; This is all I shall Recomend to you at present, if there is anything Else, w^ch^ you may think proper to be done, at this time, you shall always find me ready, to Contribute my utmost Care, and pains towards y^e^ promoting anything y^t^ may be for y^e^ Service of y^e^ Queen, & y^e^ good of y^e^ Country, w^ch^ are inseparable, & will never be attempted to be divided, but by those who have a mind to destroy both. That you may attain y^e^ good ends proposed, I earnestly Recomend it to you to lay aside, all manner of Animosity or ill will towards one another, w^ch^ may have been occasioned by former proceedings, unanimity in your proceedings, Calmness in your Debates, & Dispatch in y^e^ Matters before you—

Resolved, That this H^s^ will take His Excell^cy's^ speech into Considera'on tomorrow morning & then

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 18° 9^brls^ 1.704

The H^s^ (according to Order) did proceed to take into Considera'on his Excell^cy's^ Speech, & thereupon it was

Resolved, That An humble Address be presented to his Excell^cy^ in Answer to his Ex^cy's^ Speech, & y^e^ Same was Comitted to Capt^n^ John Bown, M^r^ Rich^d^ Salter, M^r^ Rich^d^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Jno Mason & M^r^ Jno Barclay, & y^n^

The H^s^ Adjourned till Monday 10 a Clock.

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DIE LUNAE A. M. 20° 9^{bris} 1.704

The Com^{ee} appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to his Ex^{cy}, brought in y^{e} said Address, w^{ch} was read, & y^{e} Question being put, y^{e}upon, That it shall pass as worded or not? It past in y^{e} Affirmative.

Ordered That M^{r} Salter & M^{r} Barclay do wait on his Excell^{cy} & know when it will please his Excell^{cy} to be attended by this H^{s} wth their Address, & being Returned they did Report, y^{t} His Excell^{y} had appointed this H^{s} to Attend him at 5 a Clock in y^{e} Afternoon, And then

The H^{s} adjourned till 3 of y^{e} Clock.

P. M. 20° 9^{bris} 1.704

M^{r} Speaker left y^{e} Chair & wth y^{e} H^{s} went to Attend his Excell^{cy} wth y^{e} Address, & being Returned, M^{r} Speaker Reported that he had wth y^{e} H^{s} Attended his Excell^{cy}, & presented their Address, w^{ch} his Ex^{cy} was pleased to Accept very favourably, and is as follows, vizt:

May it please Your Excell^{cy}.

We her Ma^{ties} most Loyal & Dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of Her Ma$^{ty's}$ Province of N. Jersey, met in Gen^{l} Assembly, do with y^{e} Deepest Sincerity & Gratitude, acknowledge Her Ma^{ties} Royal Goodness & favour towards us, in taking & keeping us under y^{e} wings of her Ma^{ties} protection and Goverm^{t} & more particularly in placing us under y^{r} Excell$^{cy's}$ care & Conduct, whose great diligence & Exquisit Management, is y^{e} Admiration of y^{r} Friends & Envy of y^{r} Enemies, & tends wholly to y^{e} Safty of those, whom kind providence has placed under your Excell^{s} Goverm^{t} in Subordina'on to y^{e} Crown & direction of y^{e} Laws of England, whose Govern^{t} is infinitely y^{e} most mild & Laws y^{e} most wholesome in y^{e} World.

And as y^{r} Ex^{cy} has on all Occasions given us y^{e} Strongest Assurances & undeniable proofs of y^{r} great Care & unwearied endeavours to promote y^{e} Interest, Welfare & peace of y^{e} Countrey, & in yo^{r} Speech laid down, to us, the most Exact & proper Methods, how to demonstrate our unfeigned and hearty obedience to y^{e} Great Queen of Engl^{d}, our Gracious Sovereign & her Gover^{nt} & to advance and Secure ye peace & prosperity of our Countrey.

We

We shall wth an humble boldness, presume to assure yo^{r} Excell^{cy}, y^{t} it shall be our only Study and endeavour so to follow yo^{r} Excell$^{cy's}$ directions, and Answer the Trust Reposed in us, y^{t} y^{e} world should see we have nothing else in our Aim, but her Ma$^{tie's}$ true Interest, y^{e} Support of y^{e} Goverm^{t}, y^{e} Quiet, Welfare & Safty of our Countrey, & y^{e} making of such Laws, as may tend to the Advancement & furthering of y^{e} same, all of w^{ch} we hope by a sedulous watchfulness, in avoiding all heats in our Consulta'ons, to Effect wth y^{t} Dispatch, y^{t} yo^{r} Ex^{cy} may attend y^{e} other weighty Concerns, in her Ma$^{ty's}$ Service, as occasion shall Require. & then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock,

DIE MARTIS A.M. 21^{o} 9^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} having taken into Consider'on, y^{t} part of his Ex$^{cy's}$ speech, w^{ch} Relates to y^{e} Settling of a Revenue on her Ma^{ty} for y^{e} Support of y^{e} Govern^{mt} & defraying y^{e} Contingencies y^{r}of. And thereupon y^{e} H^{s} did imediately Resolve itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole to consider of y^{e} s^{d} Matter; And after some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resum'd y^{e} Chair, & Cap^{tn} Bown Reported from y^{e} s^{d} Com^{ee} That they had made some progress in y^{e} matter to them Referred, but had not yet finisht y^{e} same; And y^{t} he was directed to move y^{t} they may have leave to sit again when y^{e} House shall think fit.

Resolved That this H^{s} will Resolve itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole H^{s} at 4 a Clock in y^{e} Afternoon to consider further of y^{e} s^{d} Matter. And then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till 4 a Clock in y^{e} Afternoon.

P.M. 21^{o} 9^{bris} 1.704.

The H^{s} (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole H^{s} to Consider further of y^{t} part of his Ex^{cies} Speech Relating to y^{e} Settling of a Revenue &c, And after some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resum'd y^{e} Chair & Cap^{tn} Bown Reported from y^{e} s^{d} Com^{ee} y^{t} they had come to some Resolu'ons in y^{e} matter to them Referred, w^{ch} he is ready to Report, when y^{e} H^{s} will please to receive y^{e} same.

Ordered That y^{e} s^{d} Report be made tomorrow morning & then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 8 A Clock.

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DIE MERCURII A. M. 22° 9^{bris} 1.704

Capt^{n} John Bown Reported from y^{e} Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole H^{s} to whom y^{e} Considera'on of y^{t} part of his Excell^{s} Speech Relating to y^{e} Settling of a Revenue on her Most Sacred Ma^{ty} for y^{e} Support of y^{e} Govern^{t} & Contingencies y^{r}of, was Comitted, y^{e} Resolutions w^{ch} they had made, w^{ch} he read in his place & afterwards delivered in at y^{e} Table, where y^{e} same were read, & wth some amendments agreed to by y^{e} H^{s} being as follows vzt,

Resolved, That a Revenue be Granted to Her Ma^{ty} for y^{e} Support of this Govern^{mt} & y^{e} Contingencies thereof.

Resolved, That £2.000 yearly be allowed to Her Ma^{ty} for y^{e} Support of this Govern^{t} to continue for y^{e} Term of two years & no longer.

Resolved That y^{e} first year's Quota, shall be collected from y^{e} people on or before y^{e} 15th day of May next, & by y^{e} Collectors paid in to y^{e} Receiver Gen^{l} on or before the 21st of s^{d} month of May. And y^{e} 2^{d} year's Quota shall be Collected from y^{e} people on or before y^{e} 15th day of May in y^{e} year of our Lord 1.706, & paid into y^{e} Receiver Gen^{ls} on or before y^{e} 21st day of y^{e} s^{d} Month of May.

M^{r} Jn^{o} Royse having been Sworn as y^{e} Law directs to his place in y^{e} House accordingly.

Ordered That a Com^{ee} be appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill pursuant to y^{e} above Resolu'ons, & a Com^{ee} was appointed accordingly, viz^{t} M^{r} Hartshorn, Capt^{n} Bown, M^{r} Royse, M^{r} Mason, M^{r} Hall & M^{r} Barclay.

Ordered That a Com^{ee} of Grievances be Appointed, of these persons following. M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Salter, M^{r} Key, M^{r} Bryan, M^{r} Woodward & M^{r} Bown & then

The H^{s} Adjourned till 4 a Clock,

P. M. 22° 9^{bris} 1.704

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock,

DIE JOVIS A.M. 23° 9^{bris} 1.704

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared & brought in for Suppressing of Imorality.

And also a Bill for obliterating all differences & Injurys y^{t} may have happened wthin either Division of this Province, on Acc^{t} of Gover^{mt} before y^{e} 13th day of Aug^{t} 1.703, And y^{t} M^{r} Gordon,

Gordon, Mr Salter, Mr Key, Mr Bryan, Mr Woodward, & Mr Bown do prepare and bring in ye sd Bills, And then
The House Adjourned till 4 a Clock

P.M. 23o 9bris 1.704

Ordered That a Bill be prepared & brought in for Regulating ye Election of Representatives to serve in ye Genl Assembly of this Province, and Altering ye present Constitution yrof, And yt Mr Gordon &c, do prepare & bring in ye sd Bill.
Ordered That a Bill be prepared & brought in, for ye laying out, making & keeping in good & sufficient Repair ye public & Comon HighWays thro'out this Province, & yt Mr Hartshorn &c do prepare & bring in ye same & yn
The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A.M. 24o 9bris 1.704

Captn Bown (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill Entituled an Act for raising a Revenue for ye Support of her Matys Govert wthin this Province, for two years, wch was read ye 1st Time,
And ye Motion was made & ye Question put, That ye sd Bill should be read a 2d time in ye Afternoon. It past in ye Affirmative,
Mr Hartshorn (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill, Entituled an Act for laying out, Regulating, Clearing & preserving public Comon Highways, thro'out this Province, wch was read ye 1st Time.
Ordered That ye sd Bill be read a 2d Time tomorrow.
Ordered, That a Bill be Prepared & brought in for ye Speedy trying & Regulating of Negro & Indian Slaves, & yt Mr Hartshorn, Cap Bown &c, do prepare & bring in ye same, And then,
The Hs Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 24o 9bris 1.704

Mr Gordon (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill Entituled an Act for suppressing of Imorality wthin this Province, wch was read ye 1st time, & also
A Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting ye minds of all her Matys Subjects within this Province, wch was read ye 1st time.
Mr Hartshorn also (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating Negro, Indian & Molatto Slaves, wch was also read the first time.

Ordered

Ordered That ye 1st of the sd three Bills be read a 2d time, tomorrow, & ye other two on Munday.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Raising a Revenue &c, was (according to Order) read ye 2d & Ordered to be Comitted to a Comee of ye whole Hs to sit imediately & accordingly,

The Hs Resolved itself into a Comee of ye whole Hs to Consider of ye sd Bill, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumd ye chair & Mr Salter Reported from ye sd Comee That they had Gone thro' ye sd Bill, & made several amendmts thereto, wch he is ready to Report when ye Hs will please to receive ye same.

Ordered That ye sd Report be made toMorrow morning.

The Petition of Restore Lippincott, Jno Hugg Junr, Tho Bryan, Jno Mason, & Tho Gardiner, was presented to ye Hs Complaining of an undue Return made by Wm Fisher Esq High Sherrif of ye County of Burlington, of Tho Wright, Wm Budd, Abm Henline, Joshua Barksted, & Peter Long to Serve as Representatives for ye County of Burlington, wch petition was read.

Ordered that ye Considera'on thereof be Adjourned till tomorrow & then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 25to 9bris 1.704

Mr Salter (according to Order) Reported from ye Comee of ye whole Hs to whom ye Bill for Raising a Revenue &c was Referred, ye Amendmts wch they had made to ye sd Bill, wch he read in his place, & afterwards delivered in at ye Table, where they were read, & upon ye Question, put upon each severally, they were agreed to by ye House.

Ordered That ye Bill wth ye Amendmts be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing of Imorality wthin this Province was (according to Order) read ye 2d Time, & Comited to Mr Hartshorn, Cap Bown, Mr Royse, Mr Mason, Mr Hall or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out &c Highways, thro'out this Province was (according to Order) read ye 2d Time, And Comitted to Mr Gordon, Mr Salter, Mr Key, Mr Bryan, Mr Woodward & Mr Bown, or any three of them.

Ordered That ye Petition of Restore Lippincot & others be Adjourned to Saturday next, And then

The Hs Adjourned till Munday 10 a Clock,

DIE

DIE LUNAE A. M. 27° 9bris 1704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Raising a Revenue for ye Support of her Maty Governmt wthin this Province for two years was read ye 3d Time

And then ye Hs Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 27° 9bris 1.704

Resolved That ye Bill Entituled an Act for Raising a Revenue for ye Support of her Maties Govert wthin this Province, of New Jersey, for two years, Do Pass, Ordered That Mr Salter & Mr Key do carry it up to ye Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Gordon (according to Order) presented to ye Hs a Bill, Entituled an Act for altering ye present Constitution & Regulating ye Elections of Representatives to serve in ye Genl Assembly of this Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, wch was read ye 1st Time; And

Ordered to be read ye 2d Time tomorrow, And then

The Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting &c, was read ye Second time, & Comitted to Mr Hartshorn, Mr Royse, Mr Mason & Mr Hall & then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 28° 9bris 1.704

Mr Royse Reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bill for Suppressing imorality &c was Comitted, That they had gone thro' ye sd Bill and made several amendments, thereto, wch he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where ye Same were read, & ye Question being put upon ym severally, they were severally agreed to.

Ordered That ye Bill with ye Amendmts be Engrossed

Mr Gordon Reported from ye Comee to whom ye Bill for laying out, Regulating Clearing and preserving public Comon Highways, thro'out this Province was Comitted, That they had gone thro' ye said Bill & made sevl Amendmts wch he read in his place, & afterwards delivered in ye same at ye Table, where ye Same were read and agreed to by ye House.

Ordered That ye Bill wth ye Amendmts be Engrossed, & then

The Hs Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 28° 9bris 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Negro, Indian &

& Molatto Slaves, was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, & Comitted to M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Wheeler, M^r^ Laurence & M^r^ Smith.

The Bill Entituled an Act for altering y^e^ present Constitution & Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives to serve in y^e^ Gen^l^ Assembly of this Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, Was (according to Order) read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, And then The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 29^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing of Imorality &c was read y^e^ Third Time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass. The Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out Regulating &c was read y^e^ 3^d^ Time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Bown & M^r^ Barclay do carry up y^e^ s^d^ Bill^s^ to y^e^ Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered That y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for altering y^e^ present Constitu'on &c be Comitted, And it is Referred to M^r^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Royse, M^r^ Salter, M^r^ Key & M^r^ Gordon & then The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 29^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Hartshorn Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill, Entituled an Act for uniting & quieting y^e^ Minds of all her Ma^ties^ Subjects w^th^in this Province, was Comitted, That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made some Amendments thereto, w^ch^ he delivered in at y^e^ Table, where y^e^ same were read & agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered That y^e^ Bill with y^e^ Amendm^ts^ be Engrossed.

M^r^ Hartshorn also Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for altering y^e^ present Constitution &c was Comitted, That they had gone thro y^e^ s^d^ Bill & made some Amendmts thereto, w^ch^ were Agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amendmts be Engrossed.

Mr. Gordon Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Negro, Indian and Molatto Slaves was Comitted, y^t^ they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made sev^l^ Amendments thereto, w^ch^ he read in his place, & afterwards delivered it at y^e^ Table, where y^e^ same were read, & w^th^ some further Amendments, Agreed to by y^e^ House.

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amendmts be Engrossed.

A message from y^e^ Council by Cap^t^ Andrew Bown, Acquainting y^e^ H^s^ That they had agreed to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act

Act for raising a Revenue for y^e^ Support of her Ma^ts^' Goverm^t^ w^th^in this Province of New Jersey for two years w^th^ some Amendmts to which they desired y^e^ Concurrence of this House

Ordered That y^e^ Considera'on of y^e^ said Amendmts be Adjourned till tomorrow morning & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A.M. 30^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ having proceeded to y^e^ Consider'on of y^e^ Amend^mts^ made by y^e^ Council to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Raising a Revenue &c, And after some time spent therein, Ordered that y^e^ further Considera'on thereof be Adjourned till Afternoon, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P.M. 30^o^ 9^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ (according to Order) proceeded to y^e^ Considera'on of the Amend^mts^ made by y^e^ Council to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Raising Revenue &c, And agreed to y^e^ same with one further Amendment.

Ordered That M^r^ Salter & M^r^ Barclay do carry y^e^ Bill to y^e^ Council & Acquaint them y^t^ y^e^ House, have agreed, to their Amendments, with one further Amend^mt^ to w^ch^ y^e^ House desire their Concurrence.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting y^e^ minds of all her Ma^ty's^ subjects w^th^in this Province, of New Jersey, Was read y^e^ 3^d^ Time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Negro, Indian & Molatto Slaves, w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, was also read y^e^ 3^d^ time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Altering y^e^ present Constitu'on and Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives to Serve in the Gen^l^ Assembly of this Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey Was also read y^e^ 3^d^ Time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Bown & M^r^ Gordon do carry up y^e^ s^d^ Bills to the Council for their & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 10 X^bris^ 1704.

Whereas by y^e^ Journal of this H^s^ of Friday y^e^ 17^th^ of Nov^r^ last

last P. M. y^e^ three members therein named were allowed to Wednesday sennight to make their qualifica'ons to Serve in this Assembly more fully appear to y^e^ House; But they not appearing at y^e^ time Allowed them, a Motion was thereupon made & y^e^ Question was put, That y^e^ s^d^ members should be heard by Motion or Petition?

Resolved that y^e^ s^d^ Members shall be heard by Petition & y^t^ M^r^ Salter & M^r^ Royse do Acquaint them with y^e^ Resolu'ons of this House. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 1° X^bris^ 1.704.

A message from y^e^ Co^ll^ Pinhorn Acquainting y^e^ House That y^e^ Council had agreed to y^e^ two following Bills, vizt The Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing Imorality w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, and also an Act for laying out, Regulating, Clearing & preserving public Common Highways thro'out this Province of New Jersey, w^th^ some Amendmts to each, to w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of this House.

The H^s^ did imediately proceed to y^e^ Considera'on of y^e^ Amendments made to y^e^ former, & after some debate thereon, y^e^ House did Adjourn y^e^ same till tomorrow.

The H^s^ did then proceed to take into Considera'on y^e^ Amendmts made by y^e^ Council to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for laying out &c, And agreed to y^e^ same.

Ordered That M^r^ Barclay do carry y^e^ s^d^ Bill to y^e^ Council & Acquaint them y^t^ y^e^ House have agreed to y^e^ Amendmts made thereto.

A Motion being made That leave might be given to bring in a Bill for levying a Tax upon all Lands w^ch^ are w^th^in this Goverm^t^, but are in y^e^ possession of such who live in any of y^e^ Neighbouring Provinces in America.

Ordered That M^r^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Salter, Cap^t^ Bown & M^r^ Barclay do prepare & bring in y^e^ s^d^ Bill, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI, A. M. 2° X^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Salter (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Entituled an Act for levying a Tax upon y^e^ Lands of such (who have land in this Province of N. Jersey) but are Inhabitants in some of y^e^ Neighbouring Provinces, w^ch^ was read y^e^ 1^st^ time, & Ordered a 2^d^ Reading in y^e^ Afternoon.

M^r^ Gordon presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Entituled an Act for Recovering

Recovering Debts agst Non-Residents, w^{ch} was rec'd and read y^{e} first time.

A Motion was made That leave might be given to bring in a Bill to Restrain y^{e} Selling of Drink to y^{e} Indians, And it was referred to M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Key, M^{r} Hugg, & M^{r} Wheeler to prepare & bring in y^{e} Same

And then y^{e} H^{s} Adjourned till 8 a Clock.

P. M. 2^{o} X^{bris} 1.704

Ordered That y^{e} Debate on y^{e} Amend^{mts} made by y^{e} Council, to y^{e} Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing of Imorality wthin this Province be Adjourned till Monday next.

The Bill for Levying a Tax upon y^{e} Lands &c, was (according to Order) read y^{e} 2^{d} Time, & Comitted to M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Salter, M^{r} Royse, M^{r} Mason, Cap^{t} Bown & M^{r} Key.

Ordered That y^{e} Consideration of y^{e} Petition of Restore Lippincot & others be Adjourned till Monday next, And then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till Monday at 9 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE, A. M. 4to X^{bris} 1.704

M^{r} Gordon Reported from y^{e} Com^{ee} to whom y^{e} Bill Entituled an Act for Levying a Tax on y^{e} Lands &c, was Comitted, That they had gone thro' y^{e} s^{d} Bill, & made Some Amend^{mts} thereto, w^{ch} he read in his place & afterwards delivered in at y^{e} Table, where the same, & wth one further Amendm^{t}, were agreed to by y^{e} H^{s}.

Ordered That y^{e} Bill wth y^{e} Amendm^{ts} be Engrossed And then

The H^{s} Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 4^{o} X^{bris} 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Levying a Tax on y^{e} Lands &c, was read y^{e} Third Time.

Resolved That y^{e} Bill do pass, &

Ordered That Cap^{t} Bown & M^{r} Key do carry y^{e} s^{d} Bill up to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from y^{e} Council by Coll Pinhorn acquainting y^{e} House y^{t} they had agreed to y^{e} three following Bills, viz^{t} An Act for Uniting & Quieting y^{e} minds of all her Ma$^{tie's}$ subjects wthin this Province of N. Jersey; & An Act for Regulating Negro, Indian & Molatto Slaves wthin this Province, of N. Jersey, & also An Act for Altering y^{e} present Constitu'on &

Regulating

Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives to serve in y^e^ Gen^l^ Assembly of this Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, with some Amendments to each of them, to w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of this House.

M^r^ Gordon (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Entituled An Act Ag^t^ Selling of Strong Liquors to y^e^ Indians, w^th^in this Province of New Jersey, w^ch^ was read y^e^ first time.

M^r^ Royse presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating y^e^ keeping of Swine w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ time.

Ordered That y^e^ Consideration of y^e^ Petition of Restore Lippincot & others agst Will Fisher Esqr High Sherrif of y^e^ County of Burlington be further Adjourned till to-morrow, & that y^e^ Doorkeeper do Acquaint y^e^ said Fisher therew^th^, y^t^ he appear to give in his Answer to y^e^ s^d^ petition.

The Petition of Tho Lambert, Josh Wright & Tho Gardiner Praying y^e^ H^s^ would please to Admit them to make their Qualifications to serve in this Assembly appear before them, was Read : &

Ordered That y^e^ above^sd^ Petitioners be admitted to be heard to-morrow & y^t^ M^r^ Revel & M^r^ Leeds be acquainted therew^th^.

Ordered That y^e^ Debate upon y^e^ Amend^mts^ made by y^e^ Council to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing of Immorality w^th^in this Province be further Adjourned. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 5° X^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating y^e^ keeping of Swine w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time & Committed to M^r^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Key, M^r^ Royse & M^r^ Salter.

Ordered That M^r^ Salter & M^r^ Gordon do carry y^e^ Bill Entituled An Act for altering y^e^ present Constitution &c to y^e^ Council & Acquaint them y^t^ y^e^ House have agreed to their Amendments to y^e^ s^d^ Bill.

The petition of Restore Lippincot & others ag^st^ Will Fisher Esq^r^ High Sherif, being considered, & y^e^ parties being called in, y^e^ s^d^ W^m^ Fisher Esq^r^ Prayed y^t^ he might have a Copy of y^e^ s^d^ Petition, w^ch^ was Granted him, and having also prayed, y^t^ he might be heard by his Council, thereupon

The Motion was made & y^e^ Question put, That he should be heard by his Council ? It past in y^e^ Affirmative. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock

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P. M. 5° X^bris 1.704

Ordered, That y^e hearing of Tho Lambert, Joshuah Wright & Tho Gardiner to make their Qualifications to Serve in this Assembly, appear unto this H^s, be Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Coll Pinhorn brought from y^e Council an Engrossed Bill, Entitled on Act for settling y^e Militia of this Province, to w^ch they desire y^e Concurrence of this House.

A Message from y^e Council by Co^l Pinhorn, Acquainting this House That they have agreed to y^e Bill Entituled, an Act for Levying a Tax &c, with some Amendmts to w^ch they desire y^e Concurrence of this House.

The H^s having Considered y^e Petition of Restore Lippincot & others ag^st Will. Fisher Esq^r High Sheriff & heard both parties,

Ordered That y^e further Considera'on y^rof be Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

And then y^e H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A M. 6° X^bris 1.704

The House having proceeded (according to Order) to y^e further Consideration of y^e Petition of Restore Lippincot & others ag^st W^m Fisher Esq^r, High Sherif, for an undue Return of Tho Wright & others.

Resolved That y^s H^s finding y^t the Petitioners are duly Returned & sit in this H^s therefore do Declare their Petition frivolous & dismiss it accordingly.

Tho Lambert, Josh Wright & Th° Gardiner having appear'd before this H^s & shew'd their Qualifications to sit in this H^s as Members, And y^e House having considered y^e same, are of Opinion, y^t each of them, hath a Thousand Acres of Land, And y^rfore it is

Ordered, That M^r Salter & Jno Key do Attend his Excell^cy & Acquaint him therewith & pray y^t they may be Admitted to take their Oaths or Attestation in order to take their places in this House.

Ordered That y^e s^d Messengers do also Acquaint y^e Council that this House desires a Conference w^th that Board, upon y^e Amend^mts made to y^e following Bills vizt, The Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting y^e Minds of all her Ma^ties Subjects w^thin this Province of New Jersey, And y^e Bill Entituled an

an Act for Levying a Tax upon y^e^ Lands of such (who have Lands in this Province of N. Jersey) but are Inhabitants in some of y^e^ Neighbouring provinces, And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. 6^o^ 10^bris^ 1.704

Ordered That M^r^ Hartshorn, Cap. Bown, M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Hugg, M^r^ Salter, & M^r^ Mason be a Com^ee^ to Manage y^e^ Conference w^th^ y^e^ Council, concerning y^e^ Amendmts upon y^e^ above said Bills.

M^r^ Hartshorn Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating y^e^ keeping of Swine w^th^in y^e^ Province of N. Jersey, was Committed, That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & made an Amend^mt^ thereto, which was read & agreed to

Ordered That y^e^ Bill w^th^ y^s^ Amendm^ts^ be Engrossed And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 7^o^ X^bris^ 1.704

M^r^ Hartshorn Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ Appointed to Manage y^e^ Conference w^th^ y^e^ Council, That they had Attended y^e^ Conference upon y^e^ Subject matter of Amendm^ts^ made by y^e^ Council, to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for levying a Tax &c,

Ordered That M^r^ Hall & M^r^ Mason do carry up y^e^ s^d^ Bill to y^e^ Council and Acquaint them y^t^ this H^s^ had agreed to their Amendments.

The Bill Entituled an act for Regulating y^e^ keeping of Swine w^th^in this Province, w^ch^ was read y^e^ 3^d^ Time.

Resolved That y^e^ Bill do pass.

Ordered That M^r^ Bown & M^r^ Laurence do carry up y^e^ s^d^ Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Engrossed Bill from y^e^ Council Entituled an Act for Settling the Militia of this Province, was read y^e^ 1st time.

Ordered That M^r^ Barclay & M^r^ Tunison do Attend y^e^ Council w^th^ y^e^ Bill Entituled an act for Regulating of Negro, Indian & Molatto Slaves & Acquaint them y^t^ this H^s^ has agreed to their amendm^ts^ thereto, And then,

The H^s^ Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 7^o^ 10^bris^ 1.704

A Message from y^e^ Council by M^r^ Leeds, Acquainting y^e^ H^s^ That y^e^ Council desir'd a Conference w^th^ this H^s^ at 5 a Clock, this night at y^e^ Point upon y^e^ Subject matter of y^e^ Bill Entituled,

Entituled, an act for Uniting & Quieting y^e^ Minds of all her Ma^ties^ Subjects w^th^in this Province of New Jersey.

Ordered that y^e^ Managers who attended y^e^ Council last night do also attend & manage this Conference.

Ordered That M^r^ Gordon & M^r^ Hartshorn do Attend his Excell^cy^ with y^e^ Reasons w^ch^ Satisfied this H^s^ that Th^o^ Lambert, Joshua Wright, & Th^o^ Gardiner held each of them 1,000, Acres of Land in his own Right.

The Bill Entituled an act for Settling y^e^ Militia of this Province was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time & Comitted to M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Salter, Cap Bown, M^r^ Barclay, M^r^ Royse And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS, A. M. 8^o^ 10^bris^ 1.704

The H^s^ Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 8^o^ X^bris^ 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act ag^t^ selling of Strong Liquors to y^e^ Indians within this Province of N. Jersey, was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, & Comitted to M^r^ Bown, M^r^ Wheeler, M^r^ Hartshorn & M^r^ Brian

A Message from y^e^ Council by Roger Mompesson Esq^r^ Acquainting y^e^ House That whereas the Clerk had made a Mistake in y^e^ Amendm^ts^ made by y^e^ Council unto y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting y^e^ minds of all her Ma^ties^ Subjects within this Province of New Jersey, y^e^ Council did y^e^fore send to this H^s^ y^e^ Amendm^ts^ as made by them to y^e^ said Bill, w^th^ their Reasons for y^e^ Same, to w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of this House.

Cap Bown Reported from y^e^ Com^tee^ to whom ye Bill Entituled an Act for settling y^e^ Militia of this Province was Comitted, That they had gone thro' y^e^ said Bill, & made sev^ll^ Amend^m^ts^ to y^e^ Same, w^ch^ he is ready to Report when y^e^ H^s^ will please to receive them.

Ordered That y^e^ Report be made tomorrow Morning.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Recovering of Debts ag^st^ Non-Residents was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time & Comitted to Cap. Bown, M^r^ Wheeler, M^r^ Hartshorn & M^r^ Brian And then,

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 9^o^ X^bris^ 1.704

A Message from y^e^ Council by Roger Mompesson Esq^r^ Acquainting this H^s^, That whereas there was a Bill Entituled an Act

Act for Suppressing of Imorality w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey, was sent by this H^s^ to y^e^ Council, & from there Return'd back to y^e^ H^s^ w^th^ Amend^mts^ of w^th^ he came to put this House in Mind—

Ordered That y^e^ Report from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Settling y^e^ Militia of this Province was Comitted be Adjourned till Afternoon.

Ordered That M^r^ Key & M^r^ Hall attend y^e^ Council & Acquaint them, That this H^s^ has agreed to their Amendm^ts^ to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting and Quieting &c w^th^ some further Amend^mts^ to y^e^ same, to w^ch^ they desire their Concurrence.

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ persons do also Acquaint y^e^ Council That this H^s^ has agreed to their Amendm^ts^ to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing of Imorality &c w^th^out any further Amend^mt^ And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 9^o^ X^bris^ 1.704

A Message from y^e^ Council by Geo Deacon Esq^r^ Acquainting y^e^ House that y^e^ Council desires a Conference forthwith w^th^ this H^s^ upon their Amend^mts^ to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Uniting & Quieting &c.

Ordered That M^r^ Gordon M^r^ Salter, M^r^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Hugg & Cap Bown do attend & manage y^e^ s^d^ Conference.

Cap Bown Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ upon y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Settling y^e^ Militia of this Province was Comitted, the Amendm^ts^ w^ch^ they had made to y^e^ said Bill w^ch^ he read in his place & delivered in at the Table where y^e^ same were read, And y^e^ Question being thereupon put, That y^e^ Bill wth y^e^ amendm^ts^ should pass? It past in y^e^ Affirmative.

Ordered That M^r^ Bown & M^r^ Wheeler do carry y^e^ s^d^ Bill to y^e^ Council & Acquaint them that this H^s^ has agreed to y^e^ s^d^ Bill, w^th^ some Amend^mts^ to w^ch^ they desire y^r^ Concurrence. And then

The H^s^ mdjourned till Munday morning 10 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 11^o^ X^bris^ 1.704

A Message from y^e^ Council by Roger Mompesson Esq^re^ Acquainting the H^s^ That they had past a Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving & Continuing y^e^ Courts of Quarter Sessions & Comon pleas in y^e^ Counties of Bergen, Middlesex & Monmouth & proceedings of y^e^ Same; w^ch^ was read y^e^ 1^st^ Time.

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The s[d] Messanger also acquainted this H[s] That y[e] Council desired a Conference presently w[th] this House at y[e] Point, upon y[e] Amendmts made by this H[s] to y[e] Bill Entituled an Act for Settling y[e] Militia of this Province, & Managers were appointed accordingly, vizt Cap Bown, M[r] Salter, M[r] Bown, M[r] Woodward, M[r] Tunison, M[r] Laurence, M[r] Crane, M[r] Van Este, M[r] Wheeler, M[r] Gordon & M[r] Barclay.

And then y[e] H[s] Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P. M. 11[o] 10[bris] 1.704

The Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving & continuing y[e] Courts of Quarter Sessions &c, was read y[e] 2[d] Time, & Committed to M[r] Gordon, Cap[t] Bown, M[r] Salter & M[r] Bown.

M[r] Gordon Reported from y[e] s[d] Com[ee] That they had gone thro y[e] s[d] Bill, & do Report y[e] same w[th]out any Amendm[t].

Ordered that M[r] Gordon & M[r] Barclay do Acquaint y[e] Council, That this H[s] doth not Insist upon y[e] Amend[mt] on w[ch] they did Confer with y[e] Council, on y[e] Bill for Uniting & Quieting &c.

The Managers having attended y[e] Conference w[th] y[e] Council in y[e] forenoon do Report, That they have rece[d] their reasons for disagreeing to y[e] Amend[mts] made by this H[s] to y[e] Bill Entituled an Act for settling y[e] Militia &c.

Ordered That a Conference w[th] y[e] Council be desired, upon y[e] Subject Matter of y[e] last Conference, w[ch] was granted to be at y[e] point at six a clock this Evening.

Ordered That y[e] Same Members who did manage y[e] last Conference do also manage this And then

The H[s] adjourned till 9 a Clock toMorrow.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 12[o] X[bris] 1.704

The Bill for Reviving and continuing y[e] Courts &c, being read ye 3[d] Time

Resolved That y[e] Bill be past.

A Message from y[e] Council by Coll Pinhorn, That they desire a free Conference w[th] this H[s] at 10 a Clock at y[e] point upon y[e] Subject matter of y[e] last Debate.

Ordered That y[e] Members who managed y[e] last Conference do also manage this.

Ordered That Cap. Bown do carry to y[e] Council y[e] Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving & Continuing y[e] Courts of Quarter Sessions & Comon pleas in the Counties of Bergen, Middlesex,

Middlesex, & Monmouth, & proceedings of y^e^ same, And acquaint them y^t^ this H^s^ have agreed to y^e^ s^d^ Bill without any Amendments

And then y^e^ H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P. M. 12^o^ X^brls^ 1.704.

A message from y^e^ Council by M^r^ Leeds, Acquainting this H^s^ that y^e^ Council had agreed to y^e^ Amendments made by this H^s^ to y^e^ Bill Entituled, An Act for Settling y^e^ Militia of this Province.

A Message from his Excell^y^ by y^e^ Clerk of y^e^ Council,—M^r^ Speaker his Excell^y^ Comands this H^s^ to attend him at ye point imediately. Accordingly M^r^ Speaker went w^th^ y^e^ House to Attend his Excell^cy^, when his Excell^cy^ was pleased to give his Assent to y^e^ following Laws vizt:

I An Act for raising a Revenue for y^e^ support of her Ma^tys'^ Govern^mt^ within this Province of New Jersey

2. An Act for uniting & Quieting y^e^ Minds of all her Ma^ties^ Subjects w^th^in this Province of New Jersey.

3. An Act for altering y^e^ present Constitution & Regulating y^e^ Election of Representatives to Serve in y^e^ Gen^l^ Assembly of this Province of N. Jersey.

4. An Act for Settling y^e^ Militia of this Province.

5. An Act for laying out, Regulating Clearing & preserving publick Comon highways thro'out this Province of New Jersey.

6. An Act for Suppressing of Imorality w^th^in this Province of N. Jersey.

7. An Act for Reviving & Continuing y^e^ Courts of Quarter Sessions & Comon Pleas in y^e^ Countys of Bergen, Middlesex & Monmouth, & y^e^ proceedings of y^e^ same

8. An Act for Regulating of Negro Indian & Molatto Slaves. And then his Excell^cy^ was pleased to make y^e^ following Speech, vizt

Gentlemen,

Tho' y^e^ Season of y^e^ Year is so far Advanced, that I might reasonably expect to meet w^th^ great difficultys in my Journey to New York, where y^e^ Queen's Service Require's my Attendance, yet y^e^ readiness I have found in you Gen^l^ of the Assembly to agree w^th^ these Gentlemen who have y^e^ Hon^r^ to Serve her most Sacred Ma^ty^ y^e^ Queen in her Council for this Province, to pass such Bills as are most necessary at this time, for y^e^ Service

Service of the Queen & the Good of y^e^ Countrey, will make me go thro' these difficulties w^th^ great pleasure & Satisfaction, so y^t^ nothing now Remains for me to recomend to you all, but y^t^ as there is now an Act passed to Remit all Offences Committed ag^st^ the Queen, so you will every one of you, bury in Oblivion, all y^e^ Causes of former Differences between, & Animosity towards one another, y^t^ your thoughts may be emploied in nothing but y^e^ service of y^e^ Queen and y^e^ good of y^e^ Countrey, w^ch^ are Inseparable.

Gentlemen I Recomend it to all yo^r^ Care to preserve y^e^ peace in y^e^ sev^l^ Counties where you live, there are several things w^ch^ will be proper to be provided for by Acts of Assembly, w^ch^ y^e^ Shortness of this Sessions could not allow of, therefore y^t^ you may have opportunity to prepare such Laws, as may be thought necessary, as soon as possible I do think fit to Adjourn this Assembly to y^e^ 27^th^ day of April next, and this Assembly is Adjourned to y^e^ 27^th^ day of April next.

THE END OF THE FIRST SESSIONS OF THE 2^d^

GEN^l^ ASSEMBLY.

Journal of the House of Representatives for the Province of New Jersey, in the 2d Sessions of their 2d Assembly held for the said Province, Begun at Perth Amboy ye 15th day of October 1.705.

DIE LUNAE, A. M. 15o 8bris 1.705

Several of the Members not being come to Town ye Hs was Adjourned by his Excellcy till tomorrow 11 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 16o 8bris 1.705

The Members not being yet come to Town his Excellcy did further Adjourn the Assembly till tomorrow 11 of ye Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 17o 8bris 1.705

A Message from his Excellcy by ye Clerk of ye Council, Comanding this Hs to attend him in Council, imediately, accordingly ye Speaker wth ye House went to attend his Excellcy in Council, & being returned the Speaker acquainted ye Hs, That he had wth ye Hs attended his Excy who was pleased to make a favourable Speech, of which to avoid Mistakes, because of his weak memory, he had desired & obtained a Copy, wch upon motion Made was read & is as follows vizt.

Gentlemen,

The Assembly not sitting pursuant to Adjournment in May last, is ye occasion of this present Sessions, because I am willing to give you all ye opportunities I can to prepare such Laws, as may Conduce to ye Service of her most Sacred Ma'ty ye Queen, & ye good Settlement peace & Advantage of ye Province, what I shall more particularly Recomend to yor Consideration, is ye preparing a Bill or Bills for ye Settling and preserving ye Rights of ye Genl proprietors, & likewise of all other persons holding or possessing Lands in this Province, this I believe will be one of ye most likely ways to Establish peace & Tranquillity among ye people : If there may be any method

method found for y^e better & more speedy Improving of the lands Remaining unimproved, you shall always find me ready to do anything on my part, y^t may Conduce to y^e Attaining so good an End. I must likewise take notice to you, That y^e Queen has Comanded me to Recomend to you y^e passing an Act to lay y^e same Duties on Goods imported into & Exported out of this Province, as are paid in y^e neighbouring Colony of New York: There is one thing more I must Recomend to your Consideration, y^t is, providing a Fund for defraying y^e Charges of y^e Governm^t, before there was any Revenue Settled, w^ch take place from the 12^th day of X^brs last. This Gentlemen is all I shall propose to you at this Time, because I hope you will make this Sessions as Short as possible, & that you may do so, I earnestly Recomend to you unanimosity in y^r proceedings, as that w^ch will best contribute to y^e Quick Dispatch of y^e matters before you, if there is anything Else, y^t you may think proper to be provided for by a Law at this time, you shall always find me ready to Contribute my Endeavours towards any thing that may be for the good of y^e Countrey.

A motion being made & y^e Question being put, That whereas his Excell^s Speech contains seve^l great and weighty matters, It were very reasonable y^t y^e House should be full before they Enter upon y^e Considera'on of the same, and that Tho Gardiner, Th^o Lambert & Joshuah Wright who had been Returned as Representatives from y^e Western Division, but have not been Admitted, into y^e House, may be admitted, having heretofore satisfied this H^s of their being duly qualified to sit in y^e Same. And That Two Members of this House shall be appointed to attend his Excell^cy with y^e above^sd three persons, & pray his Excell^cy to Admit y^e said three persons, That they may take their places in this H^s. It past in y^e Affirmative.

Ordered That M^r Jno Key & M^r John Mason do attend his Excell^y accordingly,

And Then y^e H^s Adjourned till 4 of y^e Clock.

P. M. 17^o 8^bris 1.705

M^r Key & M^r Mason Reported That (according to Order) they had Attended his Excell^cy with Tho. Gardiner, Tho. Lambert & Joshuah Wright & desired y^t whereas y^e H^s had been satisfied of y^e Qualifica'ons to sit in this House, his Excell^cy would please to Admit them, his Excell^cy Replied, That whereas her Ma^ty had Reposed a Trust in him, y^t he should be likewise

wise satisfied of y^e^ Qualifica'ons of y^e^ Members, & desired to know y^e^ reasons w^ch^ had satisfied y^e^ House of y^e^ Qualifica'ons of y^e^ s^d^ persons. To which the Reporters Replied, That ye persons were there present & had y^e^ Sev^l^ Deeds & Records w^ch^ had satisfied y^e^ H^s^. Whereupon his Excell^cy^ Answered, That y^e^ business y^e^ House was to go upon being weighty, he thought it reasonable y^e^ H^s^ should be full, & y^t^ he would not delay them, but Appointed y^e^ s^d^ three persons to Attend him tomorrow morning at nine a clock, & he would enquire into their Qualifica'ons & admit them accordingly.

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ M^r^ Key & M^r^ Mason do attend his Excell^cy^ to-morrow morning at 9 a Clock along w^th^ Tho Gardiner, Tho Lambert and Joshuah Wright And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 18° 8^bris^ 1.705

M^r^ Key & M^r^ Mason Reported That (according to Order) they did Attend his Excell^cy^ with Th^o^ Gardiner, Th^o^ Lambert & Josh Wright & that his Excell^cy^ had taken Minutes of y^e^ Deeds & Surveys of y^e^ s^d^ p'sons Lands, & told him that he would not at y^t^ time detain them Longer, but would send for them again if he found Occasion.

The Motion was made & y^e^ Question was put, That his Excell^cy^ Speech containing very weighty Matters, whether this H^s^ shall proceed upon any business until it be full or not? It past in y^e^ Negative—And then

The H^s^ adjourned till 3 of y^e^ Clock.

P. M. 18° 8^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 11 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 19° 8^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 20° 8^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday morning at 11 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 22° 8^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow morning 10 a Clock.

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DIE MARTIS A. M. 23° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow morning 11 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 24° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 25° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till 4 a Clock in y^{e} Afternoon.

P. M. 25° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow 11 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS 26° 8^{bris} 1.705

A Message from his Excell^{cy} by y^{e} Clerk of y^{e} Council Acquainting this H^{s} That his Excell^{cy} had admitted Tho Gardiner, Th^{o} Lambert & Joshuah Wright to Sign y^{e} Test & take y^{e} other Attestations necessary to Qualify them to sit as Members in this H^{s} & y^{e} said p'sons took their places in y^{e} H^{s} accordingly. And then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 a Clock precisely.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 27° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till Tuesday next at 4 a Clock in y^{e} Afternoon.

DIE MARTIS P.M. 30° 8^{bris} 1.705

The H^{s} Adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A.M. 31° 8^{bris} 1.705

Whereas y^{e} Motion was made & Question put whether y^{e} H^{s} should proceed on any business until such time as it was full or not? which past in y^{e} Negative. & whereas now y^{e} s^{d} Obstruction is Removed & y^{e} H^{s} being full,

Resolved That y^{e} H^{s} shall forthwith proceed upon Business.

Ordered That his Excell's Speech be read imediately & it was read accordingly, whereupon y^{e} H^{s} did Resolve itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole House to consider of His Excell's Speech. And after sometime spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resum'd y^{e} Chair,

Chair, And Mr Gordon Reported from ye sd Comee That they having Considered his Excell's Speech, are of Opinion yt an Address should be drawn up to thank his Excellcy for his favourable Speech & ye great diligence & care wch he Shows, for promoting ye welfare of ye Countrey, wch was agreed to, & a Comee was Appointed accordingly, vizt Richd Salter, John Mason, Tho Gordon, Jno Key, & Obadiah Bown, who are to go about it imediately.

And then The Hs Adjourned till two a Clock in ye Afternoon.

P.M. Ejusdem diei.

Mr Gordon presented from ye Comee appointed for yt purpose an Address to his Excellcy wch was read & agreed to, by ye Hs & Ordered to be Engrossed.

Ordered That Mr Bown & Mr Barclay do wait on his Excellcy & know whether his Excellcy will please to be Attended by this Hs wth their Address, who being Returned, Reported That his Excellcy would be attended by this Hs tomorrow at 11 a Clock.

Ordered That a Bill be brought in to Confirm ye Rights & Estates of ye Genl Proprietors & other purchasers of Land wthin ye Eastern Division of this Province & yt Mr Salter, Mr Gordon, Obadiah Bown & Jno Barclay do prepare & bring in ye same.

Ordered That Mr Royse, Mr Mason, Mr Key, & Mr Woodward, do prepare & bring in a Bill for building or Repairing of Goals in every County of ye Eastern Division of this Province, and then

The Hs Adjourned till tomorrow 10 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS. A. M. 1o 9bris 1.705

Mr Speaker left ye Chair & wth ye House went to Attend his Excellcy with their Address, & being Returned he Acquainted ye Hs that he had wth the House Attended his Excellcy & presented to him their Address as follows vizt.

May it please yor Excellcy.

We her Maties most Loyal & Dutiful Subjects ye Representatives of her Maties Province of New Jersey, met in General Assembly, do render yor Excellcy our most humble & hearty Thanks, for yor Excells favourable Speech, & yor great Diligence & Tender Care, in giving us Repeated Opportunities of preparing & Enacting such Laws as may tend to ye Honor of Almighty

Almighty God, y^e^ Service of our most Sovereign Lady y^e^ Queen, & y^e^ welfare of this Province, We shall w^th^ all Diligence apply our Selves to y^e^ promoting such excellent Ends, & use our utmost Endeavours to avoid all heats & animosities amongst our Selves, w^ch^ may hinder so good a Work.

Which His Excell^cy^ was pleased to accept very favourably, & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 2° 9^bris^ 1.705

M^r^ Royse (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill for building & Repairing of Comon Gaols w^th^ in y^e^ Eastern Division of this Province, w^ch^ was read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, & Ordered to be read a 2^d^ Time to morrow morning.

Ordered that M^r^ Royse, M^r^ Key, M^r^ Gardiner & M^r^ Lambert be added to y^e^ Com^ee^ appointed to bring in a Bill for Confirming y^e^ Rights & Estates of y^e^ Gen^l^ Prop^s^ & other purchasers of Land w^th^in y^e^ Eastern division of this Province; And y^t^ y^e^ s^d^ Com^ee^ do also prepare & bring in a Bill for y^e^ Confirming of y^e^ Rights &c. in y^e^ Western Division of this Province.

A Motion was made That leave be given to bring in a Bill for y^e^ Destroying wolves & Panthers. Ordered That M^r^ Hugg, M^r^ Mason, M^r^ Wright, M^r^ Woodward & M^r^ Brian, do prepare & bring in y^e^ Same. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned to 4 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. ejusd Dies,

The H^s^ Adjourned till 8 of y^e^ Clock tomorrow.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 3° 9^bris^ 1.705

A Motion being made & y^e^ Question put That ye House take into their Consideration y^t^ part of his Excell^s^ Speech relating to y^e^ Providing a Fund for defraying y^e^ Charges of y^e^ Gover^mt^ before there was any Revenue Settled? It past in y^e^ Affirmative.

The Bill Entituled an Act for building & Repairing Comon Goals &c, was (according to Order) read y^e^ 2^d^ Time & Comitted to M^r^ Hugg, M^r^ Wright, M^r^ Hall & M^r^ Laurence And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 2 a Clock.

P.

P. M. ejusd. Dies

A Message from y^e^ Council by Maj^r^ Sanford Acquainting this House That y^e^ Council had passed a Bill Entituled an Act for preventing Irregular firing of Woods & Meadows w^th^in this Province of Nova Cesarea or N. Jersey

A Bill Entituled an Act for Ascertaining y^e^ Assize of Cask, Weights & Measures, w^th^in this Province of Nova Cesarea or N. Jersey, to both w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of this House.

The former being read y^e^ first time

The latter being also read y^e^ 1^st^ time,

Ordered That they be read y^e^ 2^d^ time on Munday morning next.

M^r^ Hugg Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill entituled an Act for Building & Repairing of Comon Goals &c was Comitted, y^t^ they had gone thro' y^e^ said Bill, & made some Amend^mts^ thereto, w^ch^ he is ready to report when y^e^ H^s^ will please to receive y^e^ same

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Report be made on Munday morning next.

Ordered That y^e^ Consideration, of y^t^ part of His Excell's Speech Relating to y^e^ Providing a Fund for defraying y^e^ Charges of y^e^ Gover^mt^, before there was any Revenue Settled, be Referred to M^r^ Gardiner, M^r^ Salter, M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Lambert & M^r^ Key, & That they Report their opinion therein to this House.

Ordered That y^e^ above^sd^ Com^ee^ do also prepare a Bill, for pay^mt^ of y^e^ Representatives Fees for their Attendance in Gen^l^ Assembly for this Province & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till Munday morning 10 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A.M. 5^o^ 9^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ Adjourned till 4 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P.M. ejusd dies.

The Bill for preventing y^e^ Irregular firing of Woods &c, was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time & Comitted to M^r^ Hartshorn, Cap Bown, M^r^ Van Este, M^r^ Hall, M^r^ Smith & M^r^ Lippincot.

M^r^ Hugg, Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill for building & Repairing Comon Goals &c, was Comitted, y^e^ Amend^mts^ w^ch^ they made, to y^e^ s^d^ Bill, w^ch^ were delivered in at y^e^

y^e^ Table, where they were read, & y^e^ Consideration of y^e^ Same was Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

The Bill for Ascertaining y^e^ Assize of Casks, Weights & Measures &c was read y^e^ 2^d^ Time And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 6° 9^bris^ 1.705

The H^s^ having (according to Order) Resum'd y^e^ Consideration of Amend^mts^, made to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for Building & Repairing Goals &c, And agreed to y^e^ Same w^th^ one further Amendm^t^.

Ordered That y^e^ Bill w^th^ y^e^ Amend^mts^ be Engrossed.

M^r^ Hartshorn Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for preventing Irregular firing of woods &c, was Comited, That they had gone thro' y^e^ s^d^ Bill, & had made some Amendments thereto, w^ch^ he delivered in at y^e^ Table, where y^e^ same were read, & agreed to by the House. And then y^e^ s^d^ Bill was read y^e^ 3^d^ Time w^th^ y^e^ Amendments and passed.

Ordered That M^r^ Barclay & M^r^ Crane do Return y^e^ s^d^ Bill to y^e^ Council & Acquaint them y^t^ this H^s^ have agreed to ye same, w^th^ some Amendments to w^ch^ they desire y^e^ Concurrence of that Board.

M^r^ Hugg (according to Order) presented to y^e^ H^s^ a Bill Entituled an Act for destroying of Wolves & Panthers w^th^in this Province, w^ch^ was rec^d^ & read y^e^ 1^st^ Time, & Ordered a 2^d^ Reading tomorrow morning & then

The H^s^ Adjourned to 3 a Clock.

P. M. ejusd Dies

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 10 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 7° 9^bris^ 1.705

The Bill Entituled an act for destroying of Wolves &c, Was (according to Order) read y^e^ 2^d^ Time, & Comitted to M^r^ Hartshorn, Cap Bown, M^r^ Crane, M^r^ Smith, M^r^ Hall & M^r^ Lippincot.

A Motion was made, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for Regulating y^e^ keeping of Horses.

Ordered That M^r^ Hartshorn, Cap Bown, M^r^ Smith, M^r^ Crane, M^r^ Hall, M^r^ Lippincot & M^r^ Wright Do prepare & bring in y^e^ same.

Ordered

Ordered That y^e^ s^d^ Com^ee^ do also prepare & bring in a Bill to Regulate y^e^ keeping of Hogs, and also

Another Bill for Regulating y^e^ making & keeping of Fences. And then

The H^s^ Adjourned to 3 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The H^s^ Adjourned to 8 of y^e^ Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 8^vo^ 9^bris^ 1.705

A Message from y^e^ Council by Major Sanford Acquainting y^e^ H^s^ That y^e^ Council desire a Conference imediately with this H^s^ upon y^e^ Amend^mts^ made to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act to prevent y^e^ Irregular firing of Woods &c, & Managers were appointed Accordingly, vizt M^r^ Gardiner, M^r^ Salter, M^r^ Bown & M^r^ Gordon, M^r^ Key & M^r^ Lambert.

The Bill for building & Repairing Comon Goals &c was read y^e^ 3^d^ Time & past.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Bown & M^r^ Laurence do carry y^e^ said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

M^r^ Gardiner Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ appointed to Attend y^e^ Conference w^th^ y^e^ Gentlemen of y^e^ Council, That they had attended the Same, & had rece^d^ their Reasons for disagreeing to y^e^ Amend^mts^ made by this House to y^e^ Bill Entituled an Act for preventing of Irregular firing of Woods & Meadows w^th^in this Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey.

The Clerk having preferred his acct for Service done this Sessions, & for paper, pens, Ink &c, Amounting to £20 18s. The Question was put whether y^e^ s^d^ Acct should be Corrected or not? It past in y^e^ Affirmative.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Bown, M^r^ Hartshorn, M^r^ Bown, & M^r^ Gordon do peruse y^e^ s^d^ Acct & Report their Opinion thereon to this House.

A Message from his Excell^cy^ by y^e^ Clerk of y^e^ Council Comanding this H^s^ to attend him imediately in Council.

Cap^t^ Bown Reported from y^e^ Com^ee^ to whom y^e^ Clerk's Acct was Referred, That they were of Opinion That £18 Should be allow^d^ in full of ye s^d^ Acct, Which the H^s^, upon y^e^ Question, agreed to—

The Speaker did then leave the Chair, & w^th^ y^e^ House went to Attend His Excell^cy^ in Council, who was pleased to speak to them as follows, vizt

Gentlemen,

Gentlemen,

I have Required your Attendance at this time, because the Season of the year Obliges me, to put an end to this Sessions, I was in good hopes, after y^e^ Address you lately presented to me, y^t^ you would have passed some Bills w^ch^ the Country stands in need of, I am sorrey I have been disappointed of my Expectations, I am afraid y^e^ Countrey will think themselves ill used, when they find nothing done of what they might reasonably have Expected, however y^t^ you may not be long w^th^-out an Opportunity to prepare such Laws as y^e^ Countrey may Stand in need of, I do think fit to Adjourn this Assembly to y^e^ 1^st^ day of May next, And this Assembly is Adjourned to y^e^ 1^st^ day of May next to meet at Burlington.

THE END OF THE SECOND SESSIONS OF THE 2^d^ ASSEMBLY.

Journal of the House of Representatives of the Province of New Jersey, in yc 3d Sessions of their Second Assembly, begun at Amboy October ye 25th 1706.

DIE VENERIS P. M. 25° 8 bris 1.706

The Assembly standing Adjourned by proclamation unto this day but there not being a sufficient Number of Members in Town to make a Quorum, his Excellcy was pleased to Adjourn ye Same till tomorrow 11 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 26° 8bris 1.706

The Members not being yet come to Town, his Excellcy was pleased to Order an Adjournmt till Munday morning at Eleven a Clock.

DIE LUNAE P. M. 28° 8bris 1.706

The Absent Members not being yet come, his Excellcy did again Adjourn ye Assembly to Tuesday morning 11 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS, A. M. 29° 8bris 1.706

A sufficient number of the Members not being yet in Town to make up a House, his Excellcy was again pleased to Adjourn ye Assembly till tomorrow at 11 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 30° 8bris 1.706

The Members being still absent his Excellcy did further Adjourn ye House, till tomorrow morning at 11 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 31° 8bris 1.706

The Members not being yet come, his Excellcy was pleased to Order a further Adjournment till tomorrow morning at Eleven a Clock.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 1° 9^{bris} 1.706

The Members being still absent his Excell^{cy} did Order an Adjournment until tomorrow at 11 of y^{e} Clock.

[Here a hiatus occurs in the Manuscript, and the proceedings of this Sessions, if any, are unrecorded.]

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

Minutes of the House of Representatives of the Province of Nova Cesarea or N Jersey, in the first Sessions of their Third Assembly begun at Burlington the Fifth day of April 1.707, In the Sixth year of her Majesties Reign.

DIE SABBATI 5 Apr^{l} 1.707

Pursuant to His Excell's^{s} Writs for choosing Members to meet in Gen^{l} Assembly for y^{e} Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, y^{e} following Members, viz John Harrison, Lewis Morris, Elisha Parker, Th^{o} Farmer, Jasper Crane, Dan^{l} Price, Jno Bown, W^{m} Laurence, W^{m} Morris & Enoch Mackelson, Esqs, of the Eastern Division; Peter Causon, W^{m} Hall of Salem, Rich^{d} Johnson, Jn^{o} Thomson, Bartho. Wyat, Jno. Wills, Tho. Bryant, Sam^{l} Jennings, Tho Gardiner, Jno Key, & Philip Pawle of y^{e} Western Division, were Returned as Representatives, And being duly Sworn & Attested, according to y^{e} Act of Parliament in Eng^{l}^{d} made for that Effect, They did Repair to ye H^{s} according to his Excell's directions & there did unanimously choose Sam^{l} Jennings Esq^{r} their Speaker, & did Conduct him to, and place him in y^{e} Chair accordingly & then,

The H^{s} Adjourned till Munday ten a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 7^{o} Ap^{r} 1.707

A Message from his Excellcy by y^{e} Clerk of y^{e} Council, Acquainting y^{e} House That his Lord^{p} had Comanded their Attendance,

Attendance, immediately in Council, Whereupon y^e^ House went immediately and Acquainted his Excell That they had Chosen Sam^l^ Jennings Esq^r^ their Speaker. And then did Receive from his Excell^cy^ y^e^ following speech, which was Ordered to be read imediately viz^t^

Gentlemen,

I am Glad to see you, so full an Appearance at the beginning of the Sessions, I could have wished the rest of the Members had Attended their Duty to y^e^ Queen & their Countrey likewise, for I must be of opinion y^t^ business is always best done in a full House.

The first thing I shall Recomend to y^e^ Consideration of you Gentlemen, of y^e^ House of Representatives & which I have in Command from y^e^ Great Queen of England, my Mistress is, That you may settle such a Revenue upon her Majesty, as may be sufficient to support y^e^ Dignity & Supply all y^e^ necessary Charges of y^e^ Goverm^t^. And because it has been Represented to y^e^ Queen, y^t^ y^e^ Countrey is not yet able to Answer very great Taxes, her most Sacred Majesty, who is always solicitous, not only for ye Welfare, & happiness but also for y^e^ ease of all her Subjects, as far as it is possible, has comanded me to Acquaint you y^t^ she is graciously pleased to Accept of Fifteen hundred pounds a year, in lieu of Two Thousand, w^ch^ was Granted for two years, w^ch^ ended on the 13 Day of X^brs^ last, I am likewise to Acquaint You, That y^e^ Queen expects it should be settled for One & Twenty years.

The next thing w^ch^ I most earnestly Recomend to your serious Consideration is ye preparing a Bill or Bills, whereby y^e^ Rights & property of y^e^ Gen^l^ Prop^rs^ to y^e^ Soyl of this Province, may be Confirmed to them, according to their Respective Rights & Titles, & likewise for y^e^ Confirming & Settling y^e^ particular Titles & Estates of all y^e^ Inhabitants of this Province, & other purchasers, Claiming under y^e^ Gen^l^ Proprietors. This I must observe to you I have Recomended to y^e^ Assembly every Sessions, since I had y^e^ honor to serve her Ma^ty^ in y^e^ Gover^mt^ of this Province, what has hindered it till this Time, I will not undertake to say, but sure I am, y^t^ nothing can contribute more to y^e^ Settlement welbeing and Happiness of y^e^ people & Country, as y^e^ doing this as it ought to be, I hope this Assembly will have y^e^ Good luck to find y^e^ Right Methods of Attaining these great and good ends, in which no Assistance of mine shall be wanting.

I must observe to you That y^e^ Highways directed to be laid out

out by a former Act of Assembly, of this Province, have not been laid out according to y^e^ Directions of that Act, tho' the Commissioners have been often called upon to do their Duty. I cannot but take notice, that y^e^ Bridges are in so ill a Condition y^t^ after any sudden rain it is very dangerous to go over them, I think if a Tax were laid for building of Bridges & good managers, Appointed for laying out that Money, & seeing y^r^ work Effectually done, it would not only be a Conveniency & safty to Travelers and Traders, but it would be less charge and trouble to y^e^ people, for then a very small charge, with Care, would maintain them many years.

I think it my Duty to Recomend to you y^e^ preparing a Bill for y^e^ settling y^e^ Qualifications of persons to Serve upon Juries, y^e^ lives of men & y^e^ Titles of their Estates are often lyable to be call^d^ in Question, & I think y^t^ it is not proper, y^t^ every idle person should be capable of Serving upon those Occasions,

Gentlemen,

I have often Recomended a view of y^e^ Laws in force in this Province before y^e^ Goverm^t^ was Surrendered to her Ma^ty^ perhaps some may be found fit, to be enacted in y^e^ Same words they are now Conceived, or at least w^th^ some Amendments, may be made fit for y^e^ Queen's Approbation, if any such are you shall always find me ready to receive them—

I must further Acquaint you, Gentlemen, That her most Sacred Ma^ty^ y^e^ Queen who is desirous, y^t^ all her subjects may equally enjoy y^e^ benefit & Advantages of Trade, w^th^out incroaching one upon another, Expects That a Bill or Bills be past, to lay y^e^ Same Dutys & Impositions, upon Goods imported into or Exported out of this Province, as are paid by her Subjects of the Neighbouring Province of New York, y^t^ by that means her Subjects there & here may be upon an equal foot.

I cannot conclude w^th^out putting you in Mind, That y^e^ Act for settling y^e^ Militia of this Province, is Expired by its own Limitation, I propose to you y^e^ Reviving of y^t^ Act for y^e^ ease of y^e^ people, for if it is not Reviv'^d^ I must Govern myself with respect to y^e^ Militia according to y^e^ Laws of Engl^d^, w^ch^ will not be so easy, especially to some people, as y^t^ Act was.

These Gentlemen are y^e^ things I thought proper to Recomend to you at this Time, if there be anything else for y^e^ Service of y^e^ Queen, & Real good & welfare of y^e^ Countrey, (w^ch^ I must say are in their own Natures Inseparable) w^ch^ you think ought to be provided for by a Law, you shall always find me ready, to

to Imbrace and as far as in me lies to incourage such things; I have nothing more to Add, but to Recomend to you dispatch in y^e^ Affairs before you; And y^e^ best way to Attain that will be to lay aside all private Animosities, y^t^ you may y^e^ more freely apply all your thoughts & your Time to the service of y^e^ Queen & yo^r^ Country.

The Speaker then Reported That he had, in behalf of y^e^ House, Requested of his Excell^cy^, That y^e^ Accustomed Privileges may be Granted unto y^e^ House, w^ch^ his Excell^cy^ was pleased to Grant as follows, vizt:

That they may have Freedom of Speech;

That they may have free Access to his Excell^cy's^ person, when occasion shall Require.

That y^e^ Members with their Servants may be free from Arrests during y^e^ Sessions, & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till 4 a Clock.

P.M. ejusd. diei

A Motion being made That his Excell'^s^ speech be taken into Consideration,

Ordered, That this House will immediately Resolve itself into a Comittee of y^e^ whole House, to Consider of his Excell'^s^ Speech & after sometime spent therein M^r^ Speaker Resum'd y^e^ Chair, & Cap^t^ Bown Reported from y^e^ said Comittee, That they had made some progress in y^e^ matter to them Referred, & That he was directed to move, That they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this H^s^ will Resolve itself into a Comittee of the whole House, to Consider further of his Excell'^s^ Speech, & then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A.M. 8^o^ Ap^r^ 1.707

The House (according to Order) Resolved itself into a Comittee of y^e^ whole House, to Consider further of his Excell'^s^ Speech, & After some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed y^e^ Chair, & Cap^t^ Bown Reported from y^e^ s^d^ Comittee, That they had further Considered his Excell'^s^ Speech, & had come to a Resolution thereon, w^ch^ they desired him to Report, & w^ch^ he read in his place, and afterwards was read at y^e^ Clerk's Table, & upon y^e^ Question, was agreed to by y^e^ House, And is

Resolved, That an Humble Remonstrance be first drawn up, to

to Represent unto his Excell^{cy} y^{e} Grievances under w^{ch} this province doth lye.

Whereupon y^{e} Motion was made & Question was put, That the House Resolve itself into a Comittee of y^{e} whole House to Enquire into y^{e} s^{d} Grievances of the Province? It past in the Affirmative.

And accordingly y^{e} House did immediately Resolve itself into a Comittee of y^{e} whole House, to Enquire into y^{e} Grievances of y^{e} Province, & after some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resum^{d} y^{e} Chair & Coll. Morris Reported from y^{e} said Comittee, y^{t} they had made some progress in y^{e} Matter to them Referred, & y^{t} he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this H^{s} will at three of y^{e} Clock in y^{e} Afternoon, Resolve itself into a Comittee of y^{e} whole House, to consider farther of y^{e} s^{d} Grievances. And then

The H^{s} Adjourned till 3 a Clock.

P. M. ejusd diei.

The H^{s} (according to Order) Resolv'd itself into a Comittee of y^{e} whole House, to consider further of y^{e} Grievances of the Province, & after some time spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resum'd y^{e} Chair, & Coll. Morris Reported from y^{e} s^{d} Comittee That in Order to proceed to y^{e} s^{d} End, they had come to a Resolution y^{r}in, w^{ch} is as follows, viz^{t} That some Debate arising whether the Comittee of y^{e} whole House had y^{e} power of Choosing a Clerk for y^{e} said Comittee? It was Resolved in y^{e} affirmative, Nemine Contradicente, & accordingly they did Choose Tho Farmer, & Ordered y^{e} Chairman of y^{e} s^{d} Com^{ee} to make a Report of it to y^{e} House, & desire their opinion therein.

And upon y^{e} Question put upon y^{e} s^{d} Resolution, y^{e} House agreed to it in y^{e} Affirmative. Nemine Contradicente.

After which, y^{e} House did again Resolve itself into a Com^{ee} of y^{e} whole House, to Consider further of y^{e} Grievances of the Province, & after some time spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resum'd y^{e} chair, & Coll Morris Reported from y^{e} s^{d} Comittee, That they had made some Progress in y^{e} matter to them Referred, And That he was directed to move, That they may have leave to sit again, when y^{e} House shall think fit.

Resolved That this House will tomorrow morning Resolve itself into a Comittee of y^{e} whole House to Consider farther of y^{e} s^{d} Grievances, And then

The H^{s} Adjourned till toMorrow 8 a Clock.

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DIE MERCURII A. M. 9° Apr 1.707

A Message from his Excellcy by ye Clerk of ye Council, Acquainting this House, That his Excellcy did Require their Attendance in Council immediately, And then ye Speaker left ye Chair and wth ye House went to Attend His Excellcy And being Returned

The Hs Adjourned to 3 a Clock.

P. M. ejusd Diei,

Mr Speaker Acquainted ye House, That he had Recd from his Excellcy a Copy of ye Speech wch he was pleased to make unto them in ye forenoon, which was immediately read, and is as follows vizt:

Gentlemen,

The Reason of my Requiring yor Attendance at this Time is, because in Reading of your Votes of Yesterday, I observe you are falling into several irregularities, therefore I think it my Duty to take notice to you of them, yt such things may be avoided, from wch no Good can ensue, but only an Interruption & hinderance of ye public business, to ye Manifest prejudice of her Maties Service, & the good & welfare of the people in general.

The first thing That I shall observe is, That you being Resolved into a Comittee of ye whole House, have turned out ye Clerk, who is a Sworn Officer, & a man of known Integrity, this, Gentlemen, is without precedent, an Act I dar be bold to say No Comittee of ye Whole House of Commons in England ever Attempted.

The next thing is a greater irregularity, if possible, than this, for you appoint one of yor Members to be ye Clerk, by which you deprive a Member of his Right of Debating & Voting, for a Clerk can neither Debate nor Vote, this is what you cannot do; & is in itself extremely Irregular, & therefore Ought Carefully to be avoided, The best Advice that I can give you upon this Occasion is That you Return to yor House & proceed Calmly upon the Weighty matters before you, like men determined to do their Countrey Service.

I am well satisfied That ye people in Genl Expect to have ye Titles & possessions of their Estates, Settled & Quieted by some Good Act or Acts to be passed in this Assembly. The Queen expects to have a Revenue Settled, there are other Matters of great

great Moment before you, w^ch will Imploy y^r Time much better, than unnecessary Disputes & Irregular proceedings will do. If there are any Grievances, w^ch any person in this Province think they may labour under, you have an easy Remedy by making them known to me, & this Board, & when they are so made known, if they Appear to be really such, I dar Assure you they will be very speedily Redrest.

I Exhort you once more Gentlemen, to Return to y^e House & give such Dispatch to y^e Weighty matters before you, as the nature of them will reasonably allow of, This, Gentlemen, is what I thought proper to say to you, on this Occasion.

Whereupon a Motion Was Made & the Question put, That his Excell'^s said Speech should be considered in y^e House or Referred to a Comittee of the whole House.

It was Resolved That it should be considered in the House, & y^t they should proceed to y^e Consideration of the Same immediately.

And accordingly y^e House did proceed to y^e Considera'on of his Excell^cy'^s Speech, & after some Debate thereon y^e Question was put, Whether this House is still of Opinion That a Com^ee of y^e whole House may Chose their own Clerk or not? Which was past in y^e Affirmative, And Then

The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS, A. M. 10^o Ap^r 1.707

A Motion was made & y^e Question put, That this House Resolves itself into a Comittee of the whole H^s to Consider farther of his Excell'^s s^d Speech, It past in y^e Affirmative Nemine Contradicente;—And after sometime spent therein, M^r Speaker Resum^d y^e Chair, & M^r Lewis Morris Reported from y^e s^d Comittee, That y^e Comittee of y^e whole House being set, Ordered W^m Anderson, who heretofore & at this present serves as Clerk of the H^s of Representatives to w^th-draw from y^e s^d Comittee, they having According to y^e Resolution of y^e House Chosen another; w^ch Order, He the s^d W^m Anderson Refused to Obey, saying, First, he is Obliged by his Oath, & y^e Trust Reposed in him by y^e Government to Attend y^e Service of y^e H^s & Com^ees of y^e whole House, And y^t he is Comanded by y^e Crown, to do his Duty in y^e Service of y^e House.

M^r Lewis Morris likewise Reported, That in a Comittee of y^e whole House, which sat on Tuesday last, being y^e 8th day of April, y^e s^d Comittee did draw up a paper, w^ch they directed him to Report, w^ch was rec^d & is as follows, viz^t Upon Debate, in

in a Comittee of y^e^ whole House, about y^e^ Choice of a Clerk for y^t^ Comittee, M^r^ W^m^ Anderson, Clerk of y^e^ House, Insisted to be present at y^e^ Debates of y^t^ Com^ee^, did Offer as a Reason for his being present, y^t^ he was Sworn to discover Debates y^t^ were dangerous to y^e^ Goverm^t^, & y^t^ he did not know but y^e^ Comittee, were going to have such Debates, & y^r^fore did turn him out, upon w^ch^ y^e^ Chairman Replied, "then you suppose we are going to have such Debates," & M^r^ Anderson Answered, "It looks like it."

Burlington, y^e^ 8^th^ day of April, 1.707

Resolved That W^m^ Anderson Refusing to withdraw from y^e^ Comittee of y^e^ whole House, when he was thereunto Required, is a high Contempt, & a great Interruption of y^e^ public Affairs of this Province, on which this House has met.

Resolved, That y^e^ words w^ch^ Will Anderson, Clerk of this House, spoke in y^e^ Comittee on y^e^ 8^th^ April, is a Misdemeanour & a scandalous Reflection upon y^e^ Members of this House, & then

The H^s^ Adjourned to 3 a Clock.

P.M. ejusd diei,

Ordered, That y^e^ Speaker have a Copy of every day's Minutes, as also a Copy of the Minutes of those days, w^ch^ are already past.

Ordered That M^r^ Peter Canson have leave to go home for a fortnight upon Extraordinary Occasions.

Ordered That M^r^ Farmer & Cap^t^ Bown do wait on his Excell^cy^ & Acquaint him y^t^ this house designs to Adjourn to Wednesday next at 3 a Clock in y^e^ Afternoon, who being Returned Reported that his Excell^cy^ was well satisfied therewith, And

The House Accordingly adjourned unto Wednesday next, at three a Clock in y^e^ afternoon.

DIE MERCURII P. M. 16° Ap^r^ 1.707

The House (according to Adjournment) met.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Bown & Cap^t^ Farmer, do Attend his Excell^cy^ w^th^ M^r^ John Royse & M^r^ Tho^s^ Gordon, desiring they may be Admitted to take y^e^ Oaths w^ch^ by Law are Appointed, in order to Qualify them to take their places in y^e^ House. And then,

The H^s^ Adjourn'd till tomorrow 10 a Clock.

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DIE JOVIS A.M. 17° Apr 1.707

Mr Farmer Reported (That according to Order) Capt Bown & he had attended his Excellcy this morning wth Mr Royse & Mr Gordon, who were Admitted to take the Oaths by Law Appointed, & accordingly ye sd two members did take their places in ye House.

A Motion was made That a Comittee be Appointed to draw up an humble Address unto his Excellcy in Order to Remove ye Misunderstandings that has happened between this House & his Excellcy concerning ye Clerk of this House, And also those between this House and the said Clerk, And a Comittee was Appointed accordingly, vizt Capt Bown, Capt Farmer, Mr Gordon, Mr Royse, Capt Harrison & Capt Morris. And they are Ordered to proceed upon ye same immediately & then

The House Adjourned to 4 a Clock.

P. M. ejusd Diei.

Mr Royse Reported That (according to ye Order of ye forenoon) they had drawn up an humble Address unto his Excellcy, wch he did deliver in, wch was read & agreed to by ye House, Nemine Contradicente, & is as follows vizt

To his Excell Edward, Viscount Cornbury, Capt General & Governor in Chief of her Maties Province of Nova Cesarea, And Vice Admiral of ye Same, &c, &c,

The Humble Address of ye Representatives Convened in Genl Assembly.

May it please ye Excellcy

Being very unwilling yt ye Service of our most gracious Sovereign Lady ye Queen, & our Country should be Impeded or delayed by any differences yt has or may Arise between this Hs & our present Clerk, & for preventing any Jealousies.

We humbly desire ye Excellcy would please to Appoint us another Clerk who may be a Residenter in ye Province, for we humbly conceive its a great Injury to ye Country yt all ye Records of our Genl Assembly, are subject to be carried to & kept in another Goverment

And our present Clerk having also misbehaved himself & made Scandalous Reflections upon this Hs, we cannot think his future Service will be useful unto our Queen & Country.

Ordered That Capt Farmer, Capt Bown, Capt Harrison, Capt Morris, & Mr Gordon do attend his Excellcy imediately & present

sent unto him y^e^ said Address from this House, and they Accordingly went & being Returned,

Cap^t^ Bown Reported That they had waited upon his Excell^cy^, Acquainting his Excell^cy^ That they had an Address from y^e^ H^s^ to present unto his Excell^cy^, And y^t^ his Excell^cy^ was pleased to appoint tomorrow morning at 9 a Clock, at which time he will receive y^e^ Same And then

The H^s^ Adjourned till tomorrow 10 a Clock,

DIE VENERIS, A. M. 18° Ap^l^ 1.707

Cap^t^ Bown Reported, That they had attended his Ex^cy^ & del^d^ unto him y^e^ Address of this House, & y^t^ his Excell^cy^ was pleased to say, he w^d^ give a speedy Answer to it.

A Message from his Exc^cy^ in Council by Coll Cox, Acquainting this H^s^ That his Excell^cy^ having considered in Council y^e^ Address this day presented by some Gent. of ye H^s^ of Representatives, in w^ch^ these words are Contained, "& our present Clerk having misbehaved himself, & made Scandalous Reflections upon this H^s^ we cannot think his future Service will be useful to our Queen & Country," and being willing to gratify y^e^ House, as far as may be reasonable, his Excell^cy^ desires to be informed what y^e^ Misbehaviour of y^e^ Clerk & the Scandalous Reflections said to made by him, are.

The H^s^ did imediately proceed to y^e^ Consideration of the s^d^ Message & thereupon it was,

Ordered, That M^r^ Farmer, M^r^ Bown, M^r^ Morris, M^r^ Harrison, M^r^ Gordon & M^r^ Hall be a Com^ee^ to draw up an Answer unto y^e^ s^d^ Message, & y^t^ they go about it forthwith; and being returned,

Cap^t^ Bown Reported, That they had drawn an Answer to his Excell^cy's^ Message of this morning, containing ye misbehaviour of y^e^ Clerk of this House, & his Scandalous Reflection upon y^e^ Members of y^e^ Same, which he del^ed^ in, w^ch^ was rec^ed^ & read & agreed to, being as follows vizt

May it please your Excellency,

The House having taken into Consideration y^e^ Message del^ed^ by Coll. Cox, & being willing to give yo^r^ Excell^cy^ all y^e^ satisfaction y^t^ may be, Do Inform yo^r^ Excell^cy^ That M^r^ W^m^ Anderson did refuse to withdraw from y^e^ Com^ee^ of y^e^ whole H^s^, when required, w^ch^ the House look upon as high Contempt, even tho' it had been his Right to have officiated as Clerk to y^e^ said Com^ee^, w^ch^ the House Humbly Conceives it was not, & further said (as a Reason of his Refusal) That he was sworn to discover

discover Debates y^t were dangerous to y^e Gover^mt & y^t he did not know, but y^e Com^ee, were going to have such Debates & therefore did turn him out, & Reply being made him, then you suppose the Com^ee were going to have such Debates, to w^ch^ M^r Anderson answ^d It lookt like it.

Ordered That M^r Price & M^r Briant do wait upon his Excell^cy w^th y^e s^d Answer & then
The H^s Adjourned to 4 a Clock.

P.M. ejusd diei.

M^r Price Reported that (according to Order) he w^th M^r Briant had waited upon his Excell^cy & del^ed to his Excell^cy the Message from this House w^ch his Excell^cy rec^d, & told him, That this H^s should have an Answer upon y^e same tomorrow 9 a Clock & then
The H^s Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 19° Ap^r 1.707

A Message from his Excell^cy by y^e Clerk of y^e Council.
M^r Speaker his Ex^cy Requires this House to attend him imediately, & Accordingly M^r Speaker left y^e Chair & w^th y^e H^s went to Attend his Excell^cy, and his Ex^cy was pleased to Acquaint them, That he would appoint them another Clerk. & then
The H^s Adjourned to 3 a Clock.

P. M. ejusd diei.

Ordered, That Cap^t Farmer & Th^o Briant do go to the Secy of this Province & demand of him all y^e Laws of both y^e Divisions of this Province, in order to be perused by this House.
A Message from his Ex^cy by y^e Clerk of y^e Council.
M^r Speaker his Ex^cy Requires this H^s to Attend him imediately at y^e Lieut Governors, & accordingly y^e Speaker left y^e Chair & w^th y^e H^s went to attend his Excell^cy, who was pleased to acquaint this House, That he had dismissed M^r Anderson from being Clerk to y^e s^d House, and had appointed Cap^t John Pinhorn to be their Clerk, but because he was now at some Distance, but should be imediately sent for, to Supply y^e Office until y^e s^d Pinhorn come, His Excell had Ordered y^e Clerk of this County, to Attend y^e House & Officiate until y^e s^d Clerk come.

Cap^t

Cap^{t} Farmer Reported That they had gone to y^{e} Sec^{ty} & Required of him all y^{e} Laws of both divisions of this Province & y^{t} y^{e} Sec^{y} did make answer, he could not deliver them, he had not my Lord's Order for it.

Ordered That y^{e} s^{d} Messangers do go again to y^{e} Secy, & Require him to attend this House imediately, & being Returned, Cap^{t} Farmer Reported That they had been wth y^{e} Secy & Required his Attendance on y^{e} House, who made Answer, That he would consult His Excell^{cy} about it, & that he was busy wth his Excell^{cy} on y^{e} Queen's Service.

Afterwards y^{e} Sec^{y} appearing in y^{e} H^{s} M^{r} Speaker told him; That he understood That y^{e} s^{d} Sec^{ry} did say that he would go imediately about y^{e} delivery of y^{e} Laws w^{ch} were demanded of him—& demanded why he did not do it, who Answ^{d} That y^{e} Order of y^{e} House was not signed by y^{e} Clerk as all such Orders usually are, or if it had, he could not comply with it, Because y^{e} keeping of y^{e} Records was a Trust Reposed in him, & he could not deliver them without his Excell$^{cy's}$ Order.

A Motion was made That application be made unto his Excell^{cy} to Appoint a Sergeant to attend this House.

Ordered That M^{r} Gordon & M^{r} Hall do forthwith Attend his Excell^{cy} & desire him to appoint a Serjeant to Attend this House, Praying him with all to Excuse this Method & Time of Application, y^{e} Shortness of his Excell^{s} Stay not admitting them to make a more formal & seasonable Address. Who being Returned Reported That they had waited on his Excell^{cy} wth the s^{d} Message, of this House, to w^{ch} His Excell^{cy} was pleased to make Answer That he would appoint a Sergeant at Arms to attend this House. And then

The House Adjourned to Munday morning at 9 a Clock.

End of the Minutes as kept by,

WILL. ANDERSON.

A. M. DIE LUNAE 21^{o} Ap^{l} 1.707

M^{r} Speaker acquainted the House that the Secretary came to him Yesterday Morning and acquainted him that they might have Such Books and papers that the house had Occasion for, and that he left M^{r} Revell his Deputy who would deliver them, and that his Excell^{cy} had appointed a Sergeant at arms one Obadiah Horeten.

Motion being made and the Question put whether this House Shall Imediately Resolve itself into a grand Comittee of the whole House to Consider farther of the Grievances of this Province,

Province, it was Carried in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente, and the House accordingly Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole House, and after some time Spent therein,

Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and Mr Lewis Morris Reported From Said Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them Referred & yt he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sit again.

Resolved That this House will at three of the Clock in the afternoon Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole house, to Consider Farther of the Grievances & then

The house adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The House according to Ord Resolved Itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house & after some time Spent therein,

Mr Speaker Resumed The chaire & Mr Lewis Morris reported from the Said Committee that they had come to this result.

That Capt Shakemaple be ordered to lay before this House a Copy of the Records of an action Prosecuted at the Sute of Wm Lewcar agt John Crane upon appeal to the Court of Sessions in Essex County.

And that

Dr Johnston Richd Saltar Safety Giver	Anthony Woodward George Allen

Doe attend this House on fryday next 3 ha P. M.

And that	John Pike John Drake John Longstaff Joseph Fitz Randolf	Edwd Dunham Wm Lewcar Joseph Meckar

Doe attend this house on Munday next.

And also that Edwd Earle Junr doe attend this house Wednesday 30th this Instant.

The Question being put whether the house did agree to the Result of the Committee, Did pass in the affirmative.

Mr Lewis Morris further Reported from sd Committee, that they desired leave to Sitt again to Consider farther of the said Grievances.

Resolved

Resolved That the house will Resolve itSelf into a Committtee of the whole House, tomorrow morning at 8 of the Clock, to consider farther of the Griev^{s}.

Ordered That M^{r} Gordon have leave to go home it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give his attendance on Munday next.

Danniel Leeds Esq^{r} one of her Maj^{ts} Council did present Obadiah Horeton before this house & acquainted this house that his Excell^{cy} had appointed him Serg^{t} at Arms to attend this house and that he was Sworn accordingly—

The House Adjurned till tomorrow 8 h^{a} A.M.

DIE MARTIS A.M. 22° Ap^{l} 1.707

The House According to Order Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House, and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair, and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made Some progress in the Matters to them Referred, and that they desired leave to Sitt again—

Ordered that this house doe Resolve itSelf into a Grand Committee of the whole house at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

The House adjourned till 3 h^{a} P.M.

P.M. Ejusd diei.

According to Order the house Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house to Consider farther of the Grievances, and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made Some farther progress in the matters to them Referred and that they desired leave to sitt againe.

Ordered That this house will resolve itSelf into a Grand Committee of the whole House tomorrow Morning 9 Clock.

Ordered that W^{m} Hall & M^{r} Wyatt have leave to goe home, it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give their attendance in nine days, and then the house adjurned till tomorrow 9 h^{a} A. M.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 23° Ap^{l} 1.707.

According to order the house Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house to Consider further of the Grievances and after Some Time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the chaire, and,

M^{r}

Mr Lewis Morris Reported from sd Committee that they had made Some farther progress in the Matters to them Referred and they desired Leave to Sitt again.

Ordered that this house Will Resolve itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house Tomorrow 8 ha A. M.

The house adjurned till tomorrow 8 ha A. M.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 24° Apr 1.707

According to Order the House Resolved itSelf into a Grand Committee of the whole house, to Consider further of the grievances, and after Some time Spent therein,

The Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Capt Farmer Reported from sd Comittee that they had made some progress in the matter to them Referred and yt they desired leave to sitt again.

Ordered That this house will Resolve itSelf into a Grand Committee of the whole house at 3 of ye clock in the afternoon.

The House adjurned till 3 ha P. M.

P.M. Ejusd diei.

According to order the House Resolved itSelf into a Grand Committee of the whole House to Consider farther of the Grievances, and after Some time Spent therein.

Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Mr Lewis Morris reported from said Committee that they had Made Some farther progress in the Matters to them Referred, and that they desired leave to sitt againe.

Ordered That this house will Resolve itself into a grand Committee of the whole House at 8 Clock tomorrow morning.

The House adjurned till tomorrow 8 ha A. M.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 25° Apl 1.707

According to Order the House Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the Whole house to Consider Farther of the Grievances, and after some time Spent therein,

Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and Mr Lewis Morris Reported From sd Committee, that they had made Some progress in the Matters to them Referred, and that they desired Leave to sitt againe,

Ordered That the House will Resolve itselfe into a Grand Committee of the whole house 9 clock A. M. cras.

Mr

Mr Laurence had leave to goe home it being on Extraordinary Occasions and to give his attendance on this House Monday next.

The House adjurned till tomorrow 9 A. M.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 26 Aplis 1.707

A Petition from John Pike Complaining of undue Measures in Raising Money, was Read.

Ordered That it be referred to the Grand Committee of Grievances.

Captn John Bown desiring a Coppy of said petition, and the Question being put whether he should have it now or not? Did pass in the Negative.

According to order the house Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house to consider Farther of the Grievances and after some time Spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the chaire & Mr Lewis Morris Reported from sd Committee that they had made Some progress in the matters to ym Referred and that they Desired Leave to sitt againe.

Ordered That the House will resolve itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house at 3 of ye Clock in the afternoon to Consider further of the Grievances and then

The House adjurned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

A Letter from Dr Johnson Making his Excuse for not making his appearance at the time appointed Was Read, and the house was Satisfied with the reasons therein given for his not appearing at yt time.

A Debate arising, Whether George Allen and Richd Salter who were ordered to attend this House yesterday 3 Clock Should be Sent for by the Sergt at Arms forthwith or that it be respited till a farther time, The Question being accordingly put, Did pass in the Negative.

According to Order the house resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house to Consider farther of the Grievances and after Some time Spent therein.

Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair and Mr Lewis Morris reported from sd Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matter to them Referred and yt they desired leave to Sitt againe.

Ordered

Ordered that the house will Resolve itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house on Munday 9 of y^e^ Clock to Consider farther of the Grievances, and then

The House adjurned till Munday 9 h^a^ A. M.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 28° Ap^l^ 1.707

According to Order the house Resolved itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house to Consider farther of the Grievances, And after some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the chaire.

The house was acquainted That Will. Pinhorn, Th° Revell and Dan^l^ Leeds Esq^rs^ Desired admittance.

Ordered that they be admitted, which accordingly they were.

Judge Pinhorn Informed the house that by Vertue of a Dedinius from his Lordship directed to himself Th° Revel and Dan^l^ Leeds Esq^r^ they had administered the Oaths to John Pinhorn Clerk of this House, who was ordered to attend the house in the afternoon.

The house Resolved itself into a grand Committee of the whole house to Consider farther of the Grievances—And after Sometime Spent therein,

M^r^ Speaker resumed the chair, and Cap^t^ Farmer Reported from s^d^ Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to y^m^ referred, and y^t^ they desired leave to sitt againe.

Ordered, That the house resolve itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house, 3 Clock in the afternoon to Consider farther of y^e^ Grievances, and then,

The house adjourned till 3 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The Speaker having taken the Chaire,

John Pinhorn was admitted Clerke.

The H^s^ according to Order resolved into a grand Committee of the whole House to Consider farther of the Grievances, and after Some time Spent therein,

M^r^ Speaker Resumed y^e^ Chair, & M^r^ Lewis Morris Reported from s^d^ Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them Referred, and y^t^ they desired leave to sitt againe.

Ordered That this house will Resolve itself into a grand Committee of the whole House tomorrow 9 Clock in y^e^ forenoon.

The H^s^ adjurned till tomorrow 8 h^a^ A. M.

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DIE MARTIS A. M. Ap^{l} 29^{o} 1.707

The petition of Benjamin Hall Complaining of undue Measures in raising of Money was Read.

Ordered that the s^{d} petition be referred to the Grand Committee of Grievances.

A Petition from George Drake Complaining of undue Measures in Raising Money was Read.

Ordered that s^{d} petition be referred to the Grand Committee of Grievances.

A Letter from John Pike making his Excuse for not appearing before this house w^{n} required was read, and the house was Satisfied with the reasons therein Given for his not appearing at that time.

Motion being made & the Question put, whether Cap^{tn} Rich^{d} Saltar & M^{r} George Allen be Immediately Sent for by the Sergeant at Arms to attend this house, Did pass in y^{e} affirmative.

Ordered that the Serjeant at arms attending this house doe Immediately take Cap^{t} Rich^{d} Saltar & M^{r} George Allen & bring them before this H^{s} forthwith.

Ordered that it be an Instruction to the Committee of the whole H^{s} to Examine Cap^{t} John Bown upon Oath Concerning the disposal of Certain Considerable Sums of Money—privately raised and pretended to be for the public good., and paid to the s^{d} Capt Bown.

The House, according to Order, resolved into a Committee of the whole house, and after Some time Spent therein,

M^{r} Speaker Resumed the chair and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee, that according to the Instruction Given y'm p^{r} the house, the s^{d} committee Tendered to Cap^{t} John Bown to make Oath Concerning the disposall of Certain Considerable Sums of Money privately Raised & pretended to be for the publique Good, and p^{t} to y^{e} s^{d} Cap^{t} Bown, And that he refused to make Oath, and farther y^{t} the s^{d} Committee desired leave to sitt againe.

Motion being made & the Question put, whether Capt Bown's Refusing to make Oath when Required by the Grand Committee of the whole H^{s}, pursuant to Order of y^{e} house, be a Contempt of the house. Did pass in the affirmative, Elisha Parker only dissenting—

Ordered Nemine Contradicente, that Cap^{t} J^{no} Bown for his s^{d} Contempt and persisting in it, be Immediately Committed into the Custody of the Sergeant at Arms, attending this house, until he be discharged by order of the house.

The House adjurned till 3 h^{a} P. M.

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Ejusd Diei P. M.

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of y^e^ whole house and after some time Spent therein,

The Speaker Resumed the chair, and M^r^ Lewis Morris Repor from s^d^ Committee, that they had made Some progress in y^e^ matters to them Referred, and that he was directed to move, that they might have leave to sitt againe.

Ordered that Richard Townley Esq^r^ one of her Majesties Justices of the peace, for the County of Essex, take the affidavits of Joseph Lyon, Jonas Wood, John Woodroof, Benjamin Ogden, and W^m^ Lukar Jun^r^, Concerning Certaine Considerable Sums of money privately raysed by the persuasions of Richard Saltar, and paid to Cap^t^ John Bown, and Transmit the s^d^ affidavit with all Convenient Speed to this house.

Ordered that John Harrison Esq^r^ one of her Maj^ts^ Justices of the peace for the County of Middlesex, take the affidavits of M^r^ Sam^l^ Dennis and M^r^ J^no^ Pike Concerning Certain Considerable Sums of Money pryvately raysed p^r^ the persuasions of Rich^d^ Saltar and paid to Cap^t^ John Bown, and transmit the s^d^ Affidavits with all Convenient Speed to this house.

Ordered that Cap^tn^ Harrison have leave to goe home, it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give his attendance on Saturday next 3 h^a^ P. M.

Ordered That this house will Resolve itself into a Grand Committee of the whole house tomorrow 8 Clock in y^e^ forenoon.

The house adjurned till tomorrow 8 h^a^ P. M.

A. M. DIE MERCURII Ap^l^ 30^o^

The H^s^ according to Order Resolved into a Grand Comittee of the whole House, And after some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the chair, Cap^t^ Farmer Reported from s^d^ Committee, that they Could not then make any farther progress in the matters to them Referred, and y^t^ he was directed to move y^t^ they might have leave to sitt againe.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Farmer, M^r^ Gardner, M^r^ Wills and M^r^ Kay, prepare and bring in a Bill for Raysing of Money for the paying the provintiall Debts of y^e^ Western Division.

The house adjurned 'till 2 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd, Diei.

A Petition from John Longstaff, wherein he Complained that being Ordered to attend this house, he was arrested at the Sute of

of Cap^{t} John Bown, and Detained in prison, tho' Several of the Members of this h^{s} had offered themselves for his Bayl.

Motion being made & the Question put, whether John Bowns' arresting Cap^{t} John Longstaff being Summoned to Give Evidence before this house, and they having the matter before them for which he was arrested, be a Contempt and a breach of the privileges of this House—Did pass in the affirmative—Nemine Contradicente one vote Excepted.

Expultion of Cap^{t} Bown ☞

Motion being made and the question put, whether Cap^{t} Bown for s^{d} high and Farther Contempt and breach of the privileges of this house, Shall be Expelled this House, Did pass in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

Ordered th s^{d} Cap^{t} Bown be Expelled the House accordingly.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente That the Sheriff, Attorneys, and all others Concerned, in the arresting of Cap^{t} John Longstaff, at the fores^{d} Sute of Cap^{t} John Bown, Are Guilty of a breach of y^{e} privileges of this house.

Ordered Nemine Contradicente, y^{t} y^{e} Sher do Imediately release Cap^{t} J^{no} Longstaff now in his Custody, wthout Costs or Charges for fees or otherwise.

Ordered Nemine Contradicente that the Sheriff of Burlington, his Refusing to Obey the Orders of this h^{s} to Release Capt John Longstaff afores^{d} is a high Contempt and a great Misdemeanor.

The House Sent M^{r} Gordon and Cap^{t} Parker to acquaint the Council they desired a Conference with them and pray they would let the house know where they Should meet them Imediately about urgent business.

M^{r} Gordon Reported y^{t} Cap^{t} Parker and himself according to order of the house, had waited on Judg Pinhorne, who told them that the Council were dispersed and none of the Members in Town, but Col Revell and himself, and y^{t} he thought Could be nothing don without a Quorum of the Councill, which he s^{d} was Impossible to be got together this night.

Ordered that John Kay have leave to goe home, it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give his attendance on this house Fryday next at 3 Clock in y^{e} afternoon.

The House adjurned till tomorrow 7 h^{a} A. M.

A. M. DIE JOVIS, 1^{o} May 1.707.

The House Sent M^{r} Lewis Morris and M^{r} W^{m} Morris to acquaint the Councill they desired a Conference with them, and

and to pray they would let the house know where they Should meet them, Imediately about urgent business.

A Petition of Severall of the Inhabitants of the Eastern Division of this province Complaining that y^e^ publique Records of s^d^ Division are Carryed out of it, So y^t^ they cannot have recourse to them &c, to their great Detrim^t^ and Damage, Was Read.

Ordered That the Consideration of s^d^ petition be referred to the grand Committee of Grievances.

M^r^ Lewis Morris Reported that Cap^t^ W^m^ Morris and himself had according to Order waited on Judge Pinhorne Who told y^m^ there were not Councellors Enough in Town to make a Quorum.

Hugh Huddey Sheriff of the County of Burlington Came to this house and acquainted them that he had released Cap^t^ John Longstaff according to the order of this house and humbly prayed to be Excused for Delaying so long from giving obedience to s^d^ Orders and y^t^ it was through Ignorance and not any design of Contempt to this house, Acknowledging himself always ready to give all obedience to the Authority of this house.

Resolved That this house does Accept of the s^d^ Sheriff's above s^d^ Humble Submission.

The house Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole House, And after some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed y^e^ Chair, & M^r^ Lewis Morris Reported from s^d^ Committee that they had made Some progress in the Matters to y^m^ Referred, & y^t^ they desired leave to Sitt againe and then,

The house adjurned till 4 h^a^ P. M.

Ejusd diei, P. M. 1° Maii 1.707

The house Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole house, and after Some time Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chair, and M^r^ Lewis Morris Reported from s^d^ Com^ee^ that they had made some progress in the matters to them Referred, and that they desired leave to Sitt againe.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Farmer & Cap^t^ Parker have leave to goe home, it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give their attendance tewsday next 3 h^a^ P. M.

The h^s^ adjurned till tomorrow 8 h^a^ A. M.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 20 Maii

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole house and after Some sime Spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the

the Chair, And Mr Lewis Morris Reported from sd Committee that they had made Some progress in the Matters to them referred, and that they Desired leave to Sitt againe.

Capt Farmer one of the Members appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill for the raysing Money for the paying the provinciall Debts, of the Western Division of this Province, having leave to goe home,

Ordered that Mr Royse and Capt Wm Morris be aded, to the Remaining Members appointed for that purpose.

The house adjurned till tomorrow 8 ha A. M.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 3o Maii 1.707

The house Resolved into a a grand Committee of the whole house, and after some time Spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair, and Mr Lewis Morris Reported from Said Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them Referred and that he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sitt againe.

Ordered that mr Pawl & mr Bryant wait on the Councill to desire them to lay before this house, the Recr Generall's accounts, for ye two last years.

The hs adjurned till 3 ha P. M.

Ejusd Diei. P. M.

Mr Pawl & Mr Bryant acquainted the house that according to Order they had waited on Judge Pinhorne Col Revell & Majr Sandford—and acquainted them that the house desired the Councill to lay before the hs the Receiver Generalls accounts for the two last yeares, and yt they Answered there were not Councellors Enough in Town to make a Quorum.

Mr Royse acquainted this house yt he had Informed Capt Bown, that the house had under Consideration the bonds Granted to sd Bown by the fraudelent persuasions of Mr Saltar

Resolved that it Evidently appearing to this house that Severall persons of the Eastern Division of this Province have bin persuaded by the Crafty and Subtle Insinuations and faire promises of Richd Saltar, upon pretence of the public good, to grant obligations to Capt Jno Bown for Several Sums of Money of which number are

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John Pike for the Sum of	.....	20	00	00
George Drake "	.....	4	00	00
Hugh Dunn "	.....	5	00	00
Joseph FitzRandolfh "	.....	5	00	00
John Longstaff "	.....	5	00	00
Benj^{m} Hull "	.....	3	00	00
John Drake "	.....	4	00	00
Edw^{d} Dunham "	.....	5	00	00

All which obligations being fraudilently obtained for Illegal ends and purposes, this house doe Declare to be null, Voyd & of no Effect to all Intents and purposes whatsoever.

Resolved That all obligations which are or Shall be proved to have bin Craftily Subtilly and fraudilently obtained by Rich^{d} Saltar or any other person for any Sum or Sums of money (upon pretence of the publique good) for Illegal ends & purposes, this house doe Declare to be voyd, null & of no Effect to all Intents & purposes whatsoever.

Resolved that for all petitions from perticular persons Towns or County's the Clerke Shall Receive four bits for Reading and Entering thereof & the DooreKeeper one bitt

A petition from the Township of Bergen, praying an act for the Regulating of fences was Read,

A petition from m^{r} Edw^{d} Earle Jun^{r} desiring releife against an Act made first Sessions Relating to the Indian purchases was Read,

Resolved that the Considerations of s^{d} petitions be referred to Another time.

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole house, and after some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair, and M^{r} Gordon Reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made some progress in the Matters to y^{m} Referred & y^{t} he was directed to move y^{t} they might have leave to Sitt againe.

Ordered That M^{r} George Allen be Discharged out of the Serg^{ts}' Custody, paying fees.

Ordered that the s^{d} Allen attend this house Monday next.

The House Adjurned till Monday 9 h^{a} A.M.

DIE LUNAE, A. M. 5^{o} Maii

The house Resolved itself into a grand Committee of the whole house and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee

Comittee that they had come to Several Resolves in the matters to them Referred—w^ch^ they ordered him to Report to the house, when they would please to Receive them.

Ordered That the s^d^ Report be made presently, which M^r^ Morris did accordingly, and the Several Resolves following were agreed to by the house—

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, that an office for probate of Wills not being in every County within this Province, is a great Grievance, and that this house will in all humble Manner make a Remonstrance thereof to his Excellency & pray that he will consent to an act to Settle Such an office in every County and that the officers be men of good Estates and known Integrity, in the s^d^ County.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Issuing proclamations Granting Patents and Commissions at Fort Ann in New York, relating to this Province is a great Grievance and Contrary to his Excell Letters pattent under the great Seal of England, and the powers therein Contained, and that this house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excellency.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Secretary's office not being kept in Each Division is a great Grievance and y^t^ this house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excellency, and pray that his Excell will assent to an Act for the Settling the Secretary's office to be kept at Amboy and Burlington.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the Establishment of fees in this Province by any other power, then by the Governour, Council & Representatives mett in General Assembly, is a great Grievance, and that this House Will Humbly Remonstrate the Same to his Excellency & pray that his Excell will assent to an Act for Establishing fees in this Province.

Resolved that the granting of Pattents to any persons to Cart Goods on the Road from Burlington to Amboy, So as to Exclude Others; or to grant Lycanses to Wherry men, whereby others are Excluded, to ply between Burlington and Philadelphia is a very Great Grievance and that this House will Remonstrate the Same to his Excell & pray y^t^ his Excell will Assent to an Act to prevent Such proceedings for the future.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente, That the keeping persons in prison for Some years after Sentence of death, is a Burthen and Charge to the Countrey and a great Grievance, and that this house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excellency.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, that persons Accused for any Cryme, obliged to pay Court fees notwithStanding the Grand Jury Acquitt them, is a great Grievance, and that this house

house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excell and pray that he will assent to an Act for preventing the Same for the future.

Resolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the qualification of any Elector, or the right of any persons Elected to Serve in any assembly is not Cognizable or Determinable Else where then before the Representatives in General Assembly mett and Assembled, Except in Such Cases as are spetially provided for by act of Parlament, or act of General Assembly of this Province.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente, That the Governoars Refusing to Sware or attest three Members of y^e^ house of Representatives upon the groundless Suggestions of M^r^ Leeds and Co^l^ Revell two of the Members of her Maj^ts^ Councill, by which means they were kept out of the assembly, and taking upon himself the power to Judge of their Qualifications, and keeping them Out of the Assembly after this house had declared them Qualified, till he was Sattisfied on that point is a great breach of the privileges of the house of Representatives, and an assuming to himself a Negative vote to the freeholders Election of their Representatives, and that this house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excell and in all humble manner acquaint the Queen's Maj^t^ therewith, and pray y^t^ her majesty will be graciously pleased to Commiserate the Unhappy Condition of her Loyal Subjects in New Jersey.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente, that the putting the former publique Records of the Eastern Division of this province into the hands of Peter Sonmons, one that is not Resident in this province, Nor having given Security for the true keeping of the Same, and their being Carryed out of s^d^ Divission, So y^t^ the people cannot have recoarse to them, is a grievance, and that this house will humbly Remonstrate the Same to his Excell, and pray y^t^ his Excell will Assent to an Act to prevent the Same for the future.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente, That the Governour taking upon him either in Councill or out, to prohibit the proprietors Agents, Commonly called the Councill of Proprietors from granting any warrants for taking up of lands, as hath lately bin don in the Western Division of this Province is a great Grievance and an Incroachment on the proprietors Rights, and that this house will Remonstrate the Same to his Excellency.

Resolved That this house, from the Evidences of Several persons taken by the Committee of the whole House, and Severall petitions Sent to this house, are fully Satisfied that there have bin Considerable Sums of money privately raysed in this province

province by the perswasions of Richard Saltar to procure the dissolution of the Assembly, to get cleare of the proprietors Quitt rent and procure such men to be put in office as the Contributors Should approve of.

Resolved That this House has great reason to believe that the s^{d} money Was given to the Lord Cornbury, and did Induce him to Dissolve the third Assembly, and by his own Authority keep three members out of the next Assembly—And put so many mean and mercenary men into office, by which Corrupt practice Men of the best Estates are sorely Harrassed and her Majesties good Subjects in this province so Impoverished that they are not able to give that Support to her Majesty's Goverment as is desired, or as otherwise they would be Inclyned to do.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that this house Will in all humble Manner Lay the grievances of her Majesties Loyall Subjects in the Province of New Jersey, and the Arbitrary and Corrupt Practices of his Excell The lord Cornbury at her Maj^{ts} Royall feet and pray that her Majesty would give her poore oppressed Subjects such Reliefe as in her Royall Wisdom and goodness She Shall Judge most fitt.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that this house will Transmit to one of her Majesties principal Secretary's of State the Evidence taken before this House Concerning Severall Considerable Sums of Money privately raysed and as this house believes Given to my Lord Cornbury, with w^{t} other reasons this house has to Induce them to believe his Lordship was perswaded to dissolve the first General Assembly—&c

A petition to the Queen in Pursuance of the above resolves was read and approved of by the house and the Speaker accordingly ordered to Sign it.

A Letter to the Right Hon^{ble} Robert Harley Esq^{r} one of her Maj^{ts} principal Secretarrys of State in pursuance of the above Resolves was Read and Agreed to, by the house and the Speaker accordingly ordered to Sign the Same.

An Address to his Excellency Remonstrating Some of the Grievances of this province pursuant to y^{t} above Resolves was read and approved of—by the House and the Speaker ordered to Sign the Same—

The House Adjurned till tomorrow 8 h^{a} A.M.

DIE MARTIS A.M. 6^{o} Maii

M^{r} W^{m} Morris moving to have the petition of M^{r} Earle read againe, it was Read accordingly—

Motion

Motion being made & the question put whether this Hˢ will take any farther notice of sᵈ petition, It past in the Negative—

Motion being made & the question put whether the House will take into Consideration the Raysing a Sum of money to defray the Charge of this Government before the Receiver Generall's Accounts be laid before them, Did pass in the Negative—

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole house, and after Some time Spent therein, Mʳ Speaker Resumed the Chair & then,

The House adjurned 3 hª P.M.

Ejusd Diei, P.M.

Motion being made and the question put, whether the proceedings of this house shall be printed, if a Printer can be got to do it? Did pass in the Affirmative.

Ordered That Mʳ Wᵐ Morris & Mʳ Wᵐ Hall wait on his Excell to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the house with their address, and to desire that the Recʳ Generall his accounts for the last two Years be laid before this house

The house Resolved into a Committee of the whole house and after Some time Spent therein Mʳ Speaker Resumed the Chair,

The House Adjurned till tomorrow 7ʰª A.M.

DIE MERCURII A.M. 7° Maii

Mʳ Hall and Mʳ Morris Reported that According to Order they had waited on his Excell who ordered the House to attend him to morrow at Eleven of the Clock with their Address—and that as to the laying before this house the Recʳ Generall's accounts his Excell said he would Consider of it.

The house Resolved into a Committee of the whole house and after some time Spent therein, Mʳ Speaker Resumed the Chair, and then

The house adjurned till tomorrow 9hª A.M.

DIE JOVIS A.M. 8° Maii

The house Resolved into a Committee of the whole house and after Some time Spent therein, Mʳ Speaker Resumed the Chair,—

Mʳ Speaker with the house went to attend his Excellency with their Address, and being returned, Mʳ Speaker Resumed the

the Chair, and then acquainted the house he had presented the Address to his Excell and that his Lordship had appointed the house to attend him on Satturday Eleven of the Clock, to receive his Answer.

The said address presented to his Lordship is as followeth viz.

May it please The Governour,

We Her May^{ts} Loyale Subjects, the Representatives of the Province of New Jersey are Heartily Sorry that Instead of Raysing Such a Revenue as is by the Governour (as we Suppose by the Queen's directions) Required of us we are obliged to lay before him the unhappy Circumstances of this province. It is a Task we undertake not of choyse but necessity, and have therefore reason to hope that what we Say may meet with a more favourable Reception.

We pray the Governour to be assured its our misfortunes Extorts this procedure from us, and that we Should betray the trust Reposed in us by our Contry did we not Endeavour to obtain Reliefe The Governour Encourages us to hope he will not be deafe to our Intreaties, nor by his Deniall render our attempts for the best Ends fruitless. We may not, perchance, rightly apprehend all the Causes of our Sufferings, but have reason to think some of them are very much owing to the Governour's long Absence from this province, which renders it very difficult to apply to him in some cases which may need a present help.

It were to be Wished the affairs of New Yorke would admitt the Governour oftner to attend those of New Jersey, he had not then bin unacquainted with our Grievances; and we are Inclyned to believe they would not have grown to so great a number.

It is therefore in the first place humbly presented to the Governour's Consideration that some persons under Sentence of death for murther have not only remained till this time Unexecuted (they being Condemned not long after Lord Cornbury's Accession to this goverment but often have bin Suffered to go at large, its possible that the Governour has not bin Informed that one of these persons is a Woman who Murthered her own Child, another of them a woman who Poysoned her Husband: The keeping them so long has bin a very great Charge and how far its a Reflection on the publique administration to Suffer Such wretches to pass with Impunity, we dare not say; but Sure the blood of these Innocents cry's aloud for vengeance, and Just Heaven will not fayle to power it down upon

upon our allready Miserable Contrey, if they are not made to Suffer according to their Demeritts.

Secondly we think it a great hardship that person accused for any cryme Should be obliged to pay Court Fees, notwithstanding the Jury have Not found the bill against them, they are men Generally Chosen out of the Neighbourhood, and Should be the most Substantiall Inhabitants, who cannot well be Supposed to be Ignorant of the charecter of the person accused;—nor want as good Information as may be had. When therefore they doe not find the Bill, it is very reasonable to Suppose the accused person innocen; and Consequently no fees due from him; We pray therefore that the Governour will give his assent to an act of assembly to prevent the lik for the future, otherwise no person can be Safe from the practices of designing men or the wicked Effects of a vindictive temper.

Thirdly, the only office for Probate of Wills, being in Burlington, it Must be very Expensive and Inconvenient For persons who live remote to attend at it, Especially the whole Eastern Division,—We therefore pray the Gover will assent to an act to Settle Such an Office in each County or at least in Each Division of this province, and that the officers be men of good Estates and known Integrity in s^{d} County or Division.

Fourthly That the Secretary's office is not also kept at Amboy, but that all the Eastern Division are forced to come to Burlington that have any business at s^{d} office, is a Grievance which we hope the Governour will take care to Redress, it Seeming Inconsistent with the present Constitution of Government Established by the Queen, which doeth not admit one of the Divisions of this Province to Enjoy more privileges than the Other. We therefore Intreat the Governour not to take it amiss that we desire his assent to An Act to be past to oblige the Secretary to keep the office at both places.

Fifthly, The Granting of pattents to cart Goods on the Road from Burlington to Amboy, for a Certain number of Years, and prohibiting others, we think to be a great Grievance; that it is Contrary to the Stat 21 Jac: 1. c. 3. Against Monopolies, and being soe we doubt not will easily Induce the Governour to assent to an act to prevent all such grants for the future, they being destructive to that freedom Which trade and Comerce Ought to have.

Sixthly. The Establishing fees by any other power or Authority than by the Governour, Councill and Representatives mett in General Assembly, we take to be a great Grievance, Directly Repugnant to Magna Charta and Contrary to the Queen's Express Instructions in the Governour's Instructions,

tions, which Says you are to take care that no mans life, member, freehold or goods be taken away or harmed in our province under your Government Otherwise than by established and known laws,—not Repugnant to, but as much as may be, agreable to the laws of England, we therefore pray that the Governour will assent to an act to be passed to Settle Fees, without which we think no more can be legally demanded than the persons Concerned by agreement oblige themselves to pay.

Seventhly, the Governour putting the Former publique Records of the Eastern division of this province into the hands of Peter Sunmons pretended agent to the proprietors, one that does not reside in the province, nor has not given Security for the well and true keeping of them, as is by the Queen directed, and kept them So that her Maj^{ty} Subjects Cannot have Recoarse to them, and their being carryed out of the divission is a great and Crying Grievance, They are the only Evidences that one halfe of this Province has to prove the titles to their Estates, and this house is humbly of opinion they ought to be So kept that persons may have Recourse to them, and in the hands of Such of them of whose fidelity there is no reason to doubt, this being a thing soe reasonable Encourages us to request the Governour to Assent to An Act to be past to put them in proper hands for the Future, that the Contrey may not be under the Same disappointments they Now are.

These, Governour, are Some of the Grievances this Province Complains of,—and which their Representatives desire may be redressed, but there are others of a higher Nature and attended with worse Consequences they cannot be Just to the Governor, themSelves or their Contrey Should they Conceale them,—We did Expect when the Goverm^{t} of the Jerseys was Surrendered, to Feel the benign Influences of the Queen's mild Goverm^{t} under her More Imediat administration, and to be protected in the full Enjoyment of our lyberties and properties ;—the last of which we thought ourselves Something more Secure in then Some of the Neighbourring Plantations, and had an Intire dependance that her Majesty's Royall bounty and goodness would never be wanting to make us easy and happy even beyond our wishes. It is our misfortune that we must Say the Success has not answered the Expectation, and the queen's Subjects here have felt the Reverse of what they had most reason to hope; That Greatest and best of princes is without all peradventure Ignorant of our pressures, or we had long Since had reliefe, She is too good to Continue even the Deserved Sufferings of the Miserable; and has more of Heaven in her than to heare the Cry of those that groan

groan under oppression and the unkind Effects of Mistaken power, to whom we owe our miseries and what they are the Sequell Shews.

In the first place the Governour has prohibited the proprieters agent's, Commonly called the Councill of proprietors from Granting any warrants for taking up of land, in the western Division of this province; we cannot see by what law or reason any man's property can be disposed of by the Governour without his Consent, the proprietors when they surrendered their Government, did not part with their Soyl, and may manage it as they think fitt, and are not to take directions from any person w^tsoever, how & when to doe it. If any persons Concerned be grieved, the laws are open by which disputes in property are decided and he doubtless will not be left Reamadiless, we are very sorry the Governour gives us Occation to Say it is a great Encroachment on the proprietors Lyberties, but we are not Surprised at it, when a Greater Encroachment on our Lyberties lead the way to it, and that was the Governour's Refuseing to Sweare or attest three Members of the last Assembly upon the groundless Suggestions of Thomas Revell & Dav^tt Leeds two Members of the queen's Councill by which means they were kept out of the Assembly —we are too Sensably touched with that procedure not to know what must be the unavoydable Consequences of the Governour's refusing to Sweare which of the Members of an assembly he thinks fitt; but to take upon himselfe the power of Judging of the qualifications of assemblymen, and to keep them out of the house (as the Governour did the afores^d three members nigh Eleven Months till he was sattisfied in that point) after the house had declared them qualified, is so great a violation of the Lyberties of the people, So great a breach of the privileges of the house of Representatives, So much on assuming to himselfe a negative voyce to the freeholders Election of their Representatives, that the Governor is Intreated to pardon us if this is a Different treatment from what he expected; It is not the Effects of passionate heats or the Transports of Vindictive Tempers, but the Serious Resentments of a House of Representatives For a Notorious violation of the liberties of the people to whom they could not be just nor answer the trust reposed in them Should they declyne letting the Governor know they are Extremely Dissatisfied at so unkind a treatment Especially when its Causes and Effects Conspire to render it so disagreeable.

It is Notoriously known that Many Considerable Sums of Money have been raysed to procure the Dissolution of the first Assembly,

Assembly, to gett cleare of the proprietors Quit-rents, and to obtaine such Officers as the Contributors Should approve of, this house has great reason to believe the money so gathered was given to lord Cornbury and did Induce him to dissolve the then Assembly, and by his own Authority keep three Members out of the next Assembly, and put So Many Mean and Mercenary Men into Office, by which Corrupt practice Men of the best estates are Severely harassed, her Majᵗˢ good Subjects in this Province So Impouverished that they are not able to give that Support to her Majesty's Government as is desired or as they Would otherwise be Encloyned to doe, and we Cannot but be very uneasy, when we find by these new methods of Goverm^{t} our Lyberties and properties so Much Shaken that no Man Can Say he is Master of either, but holds them as Tenant by Curtosie, and at will, and may be Stript of them at pleasure— Lyberty is too Valluable a thing to be Easily parted with, and when such Mean Inducements procure Such violent Endeavours to teare it from us, we Must take leave to Say they have neither heads, hearts, nor Souls that are not Moved with the Miseries of their Contry and are not forward with their utmost power Lawfully to Redress them—

We Conclude by advising the Governour to Consider what it is that principally Engages the Affection of a people, And he will find no other Artifice needfull, than to let them be unmolested in the Enjoyment of what belongs to them of Right, and a Wise Man that despises not his own happiness will earnestly labour to Regain their Love—

A. M. Die lunae 5° Maji annoq Dom 1.707
By order of the house

Samˡ Jennings
Speaker.

The house adjurned 'till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 9° Maii, 1707

Ordered That the Doore Keeper Serve Mʳ Anderson with an order from the house to attend this House tomorrow at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon, With his original Journall and other papers relating to this house dureing the time yᵗ he was Clerke of the assembly of this province, and then

the house adjurned till tomorrow 9 a Clock in yᵉ forenoon.

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DIE SABBATI A. M. 10° Maii 1.707

Mr Anderson according to order attended this house and acquainted the house that he had delivered the Complete Journal of the House and other papers belonging to the house to Charles Huddey for which he had his Receipt, and did not at present Remember of any papers now in his hands, belonging to the house, and as for the blotter his Excellcy has bin pleased to Require it from him and that he had Delivered it.

Mr William Lawrence Moved that a writt might Issue out for the choyse of a Representative to serve for the County of Monmouth in the Room of Capt Jn° Bown who was Expelled the house—

Ordered that the sd Motion be referred to farther Consideration.

The Speaker with the House, according to His Excellcy's appointment went to receive his Excell answer to the Address presented his Lordship Thirsday last.

The house Returned and Mr Speaker having taken ye Chaire acquainted the house that the Clerke of the Councill mett the house by the way and told them that his Excellcy ordered him to acquaint this house that the Remonstrance was so long that he had not time to prepare his answer this morning, therefore required the attendance of this house on Munday next at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon.

Ordered that Mr Lawrence have leave to goe home, it being on Extraordinary Occations, and to give his attendance on Wednesday next and then

The house adjurned till Monday 10 ha A.M.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 12° Maii 1.707

Mr Speaker with the House went according to his Excellcy's Message by the Clerke of the Councill to receive his Excell Answer to the address presented his Lordship Thirsday last, and after about two hour's Stay, not being Admitted, they Returned and Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and then

The house adjourned 'till 4 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Mr Speaker acquainted the house that the Clerke of the Councill had told him that his Excellcy Required their attendance at four of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Mr

Mr Speaker with the house went to wait on his Lordship accordingly and having Received his Lordship's answer—they Returned and the Speaker Resumed the Chaire.

His Excellcy's sd Answer is as followeth—

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on thirsday last I Received a paper from you which you call a Remonstrance, I then told you it was of an Extraordinary Nature and contain'd many particulars, which though they lay open enough to Receive an Imediate Answer, yet because I would not put it in your power to Say I had given you a Rash, Inconsiderate answer, I would make no Returne to it till the Satturday following, at which time, I sent you word by the Secretary that I Should not Expect your attendance till this day.

I shall not take notice of anything in your preamble but the two last Clauses of it, in the First of which you say, that you have reason to think that Some of your Sufferings are owing to the Governour's long absence from this province, which renders it very difficult to apply to him in Some Case that may need a present help.

This is so far from being true, that besides My being twise in this Province every yeare, and have never Staid less than a Month Sometimes Six weeks or more, the post goes every week to New Yorke by which I may be Easily Informed of any Emergency, Moreover the Lewtenant Governor, Coll Ingoldsby Resides Constantly in this province and would Certainly have done Right to any persons that would have Complained to him, which makes this allegation very frivolous.

In the next Clause you say, it were to be wished that the affairs of New Yorke would admit the Governour oftner to attend those of New Jersey—The affairs of New Yorke have never hindered the Governour from attending those of New Jersey, whenever it has bin Requisite, and I can Safely Say I don't know of any grievances this province Labours under, Except it be the having a Certain Number of people in it, who will never be faithfull to nor live quietly under the Government nor Suffer their Neighbours to Enjoy any peace, quiet or happiness, if they Can help it.

I now begin with your Articles.

Two women who have been Condemned for murdering, have not bin Executed, there having appeared most Notorious malice & Revenge in Some people, who were Zealous in those prosecutions, the Queen is the fountaine of honour, Justice and Mercy,

Mercy, and as She is so, She may when She pleases Exert her Mercy, either in Repreiving or Pardoning Any Criminall; that power of Pardoning & Repreiving, after Condemnation, the Subjects of this province, her Majesty has bin pleased to Entrust me with, and I am no ways accountable to any person or Number of persons Whatsoever For What I do in those Matters, but to the Queen's Majesty alone.

As for what you say with Relation to y^e^ apprehensions you have that Just Heaven will not fayle to pour down Vengeance, upon your already Miserable Country if these Criminalls are not made to Suffer according to their Demeritts.

I am of opinion that nothing has hindered the Vengeance of Just heaven from falling upon this province long agoe, but the Infinite mercy, Goodness, long Suffering and forbearance of allmighty God, who has bin abundantly provoked by the Repeated Crying Sins of a perverse generation among us, And more Especially by the dangerous & abominable Doctrines, and the wicked lives and practices of a Number of people, Some of whome under the pretended name of Christians have dared to deny the very Essence and being of the Saviour of the world.

2^nd^ It is a strange thing that Such an assembly of Men as the Representatives of the people of this Province are or ought to be, Should Complaine of anything under the Name of hardship, before they had Informed y^m^Selves whether the thing they had a Mind to Complaine of, were really a hardship or not; This plainly your case at this Time, for if you had asked any man, that knows anything of the practice of the law in England, you would have found that if any proceedings had bin carryed on against any persons Supposed to be guilty, they have allways paid the Court fees, notwithstanding y^e^ Grand Jury have not found the bill, and this is so known a Practice that it is not to be disputed, But when men will Intermeddle with or pretend to things which they neither know nor understand, they Cannot fayle of misguiding themselves, and misleading those that have a mind to be Guided by them.

Indeed if Jurys in this Country were as they ought to be, the Supposition might in Some Measure be allowed, but we find by wofull experience that there are many men, who have bin admitted to Serve upon Grand and petty Jury's, who have Convinct the world that they have no Regard for the oaths they take, Especially among a sort of people who under the pretence of Conscience refuse to take an Oath, and yet many of them under the cloke of a very Solemn affirmation, dare Committ the greatest Enormities, especially if it be to Serve a friend as they call him, and these are the Designing men, and the

the vindictive Tempers, of which all the Queen's good Subjects ought to beware, and be protected from, and these are the Crying sins which will undoubtedly draw down the vengeance of Just heaven upon this Province & people, if not timely and Seriously Repented of.

3. If I could persuade mySelf to wonder at any of the Enormities Contained in this Remonstrance (and which I would doe if it came from any other men) it Should be at this, because no reasonable man can perswade himselfe to believe that a number of men Chosen by their Country to Represent them would presume to Complaine of a thing as a Grievance when the thing Complained of is in fact not true, for the office of Probate of wills, is wherever the Governor is, Consequently not at Burlington only, Ever Since the Queen has done me the honour to Entrust me with the Government, of this province, I have never failed of being in the Province twise every yeare, once at Burlington and once at Amboy, except the last yeare that I had the unspeakable Misfortune of loosing a wife, whom I loved as my own Soul, after a very long tedious Sickness, during which I'm persuaded no reasonable man could Expect I should leave her for any time, and yet notwithstanding that I was twise in Amboy last yeare, where anybody that had a Will to prove, might have had it done if they had pleas. Besides my being twice every yeare in the Province Considering the Remoteness of Cape May County and the County of Salem, I did appoint a Surrogate at Burlington before whome any of the Inhabitants of Either Division might have had their Wills proved, I did not think it Necessary to appoint one in the Eastern Division, because the Inhabitants of that Division who are most Remote from New Yorke are within a very easy days Journey of my Surrogate at Burlington, and much the Major part of the people of that Division are within a small day's Journey of New Yorke, where their private affairs dayly calls many of them, and where any of them may have their wills proved without any Injury to or Incroachment upon their Properties, Rights or privileges, this is so certaine a truth, that I am persuaded all Judicious & Impartial men will look upon this Complaint to be Malicious, Scandalous & frivolous, Contriv'd only to amuse poore Ignorant people with Notions of Grievances, when in truth there is no manner of Cause of Complaint, besides what you desire is a direct Invasion of the Queen's prerogative, for it belong to her Majesty alone to appoint who shall be probate of wills, and grant letters of administration, and that power the Queen has bin pleased to rest in the Governour, and I am sure I will never so far betray the trust

trust her Majesty has hon[rd] me with, as to Sacrifice her prerogative, Royall, to the Humours of any person or persons whatsoever, but of all the people in the world the Quakers ought to be the last to Complain of the hardships of travelling a few miles upon Such an occasion, who never Repine at the trouble and Charges of travelling Several hundreds of miles to a yearly meeting, where it is evidently known, that nothing was ever done for the good of the Country, but on the Contrary Continall Contrivances are Carryed on, for the undermining of the Goverment both in Church and State.

4 you have had as little Regard to the truth of matter of fact in this Complaint as in Some of the rest, for it is certaine that the Secretary's office is kept at Amboy, as well as at Burlington, as far as the nature of the thing Requires, and it can admitt of, for the Records of the Eastern Division, or at least so many of them as the Agent for the proprietors of that Division could heitherto Recover from one Thomas Gordon into whose hands they were put in the time of the proprietors Gover[mt], and who has Imbezzled Severall of them for w: he must be answerable, There is a Supream Court held once every yeare at Amboy, there is no more at Burlington, So that one Division does not Enjoy more privileges and advantages than the other, and you have no more reason to desire a Secretary's office to be Settled at Amboy, than the people of the County of Cumberland would have to Desire a Secretary of Estates office to be Settled in their County, because it is a great way for them to travel to London, when they have any business in the Secretary's Office, the thing is Inconsistent in itSelfe, to have two Secretaries office in the Same province, and Consequently unreasonable, and I am pretty well Satisfied without precedent;—Besides I don't know anybody that can Claim the Right or power of appointing a Secretary in this province but the Queen, and she has bin pleased to appoint one under the Great Seal of England, and her majesty is pleased to think one Sufficient, as undoubtedly it is, but if you had thought that another had been necessary it would have been much more Modest to have acquainted me with it, that I might have humbly Represented it to her majesty, rather than to have Remonstrated that as a Grievance, which is done in pursuance of the Queen's Commands ; But this is of the Same nature with the rest of y[r] Complaints, Contriv'd on pnrpose to amuse the poore Ignorant people, with a Notion of Grievances, when in truth there is not the least Colour or Cause of Complaint—

5 I could wish (Since you had a Mind to Colour this Complaint with the Authority of an Act of parlament of England) that

that you had advised with Some Lawyer to know whether this Could be anyways brought under that Statute, or can by any Construction in the World be Called a Monopoly, but where a man Engrosses a comodity into his own hands, and Imposes what Unreasonable prices he pleases upon that Commodity, or where a Man is Suffered to Enjoy any trade or occupation Exclusive of others to the prejudice of the publique, or particularly to the hindring or Burdening of Trade. The thing now Complained of is So far from being of that Nature, that it is directly Contrary, for by the pattent now Complained of, the Subjects of this province have the Convenientcy of Sending Such quantities of goods to and from Burlington and Amboy, as their Private Occations or the Nature of their trade requires, at reasonable and unCertain Rates, and at Certain times, which they never could doe before, for before the Settling of this Wagon, if any persons had any Occation to Send any goods to or from Either of those places, they were forced to Hyre a Waggon tho perhaps they had Not the tenth part of a Load, and were forced to pay Such Rates as the Owner of the waggon thought fit to Impose upon them, whereas at present Every body is Sure once a fortnight to have an opportunity of Sending any quantity of goods, great or small at reasonable rates without being in danger of being imposed upon, at the will of the owner of the waggon, and the Settling of these Waggon is So far from being a Grievance or a Monopoly, that by this Means & no other a trade has been Carryed on between Philadelphia, Burlington, Amboy & New Yorke, which was never known before, and in all probability would never have bin, had it not been for this certaine Convenient way of Sending Such quantities of Goods as people pleased from place to place, And in all parts of Europe the having publique Carriages, for Goods, has always been Esteemed of absolute Necessity, and the wan of them has bin look upon as a hardship—but it Seems those things which in the wisest and best Governments in Europe have not only been thought Convenient but esteemed of absolute necessity are found out by Some of our wiser people here, to be Grievances and Monopolies. This being undoubtedly true, it plaine the pattent Complained of, Cannot come within y^e^ Stat. of y^e^ 21 Ja's. Cap 3. This I believe will be Sufficient to Convince all reasonable men how frivolous and unreasonable this Complaint is. I Shall observe that when I was first Applyed to for a Pattent for the allowing this Waggon, which was by one Dell, (a man who in Co^ll^ Hamilton's time was permitted

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to drive a Waggon for carrying Goods) tho' under no Regulalation, Either with Respect to times of Going or prices for Carrying Goods, and there was no Monopoly) before I would grant it, I did acquaint the Councill with it, and desired them to let Me know, if they apprehended any Inconvenientcy in granting Such a pattent, those Gentlemen were all of opinion there could be no Inconveniency in it, but rather a great Conveniency, and indeed Experience has proved that opinion to be true, Nay, m^r^ Lewis Morris himselfe, the Chiefe promoter of these unreasonable and frivolous Complaints at this time, who had the honour to be one of her Majesties Councill, expressed himselfe very fully to that purpose, Indeed had that Gent Ever bin Consistent with himselfe in any two actions of his life, I should wonder how he could So Soon alter his oppinion, in a case of that Nature; but his behaviour at all times, having fully Convinct the world, that he never was So, makes me cease wondering.

6^ly^ This Clause of your Remonstrance is Indeed of a more Extravagant Nature than the former, for you presume to call that a great Grievance, and affirm it to be directly Contrary to Magna Charta, and Contrary to the Queen's Express Directions in the Governour's Instructions, which is most Certainly Exactly pursuant to and Obedience of the Express words Contained in the Queen's Instructions to the Governour, so that you make the Governour's faithful Obedience to the Instructions the Queen has honoured him with, to be a great Grievance, which is no less, than accusing her most Sacred Majesty the best of Queens, of Commanding her Governor to doe things which in y^m^selves are great Grievances, how gratefull a Return this is to her Majesty for the Repeated Favours she has bin pleased to Shew to this province & people let the world Judge.

That clause of my Instructions which you Recite in this Article has no manner of Relation to Fees, Indeed there is another Clause in my Instructions, which directs how and by whome all Fees Shall be Settled and the Queen's Commands have been Observed, the words of the Clause are those, And you are with the advice and Consent of our Council to take especial care to Regulate all Salary's and fees, belonging to places or paid upon Emergencies, that they be within the bounds of moderation, and that no Exaction be made on any occation whatsoever, as allso the Tables of all fees be publiquely hung up in all places where Such fees are to be paid,—and you are to Transmit Coppy's of all Such Tables of Fees to us and Our Commissioners for Trade and plantations as afores^d^, And I challenge every one of you and all mankind to shew, how, when

when and where any Man's Life, Member, Freehold or Goods have been taken away or harmed in this Province, Since it came under her majesty's Government other than by Established and known Laws, not Repugnant to, but, as much as may be, agreeable to the Laws of England—

7. When I first read this Clause, I could not Imagine what it was put in for, unless it were on purpose to Arraign the Queen's Express Commands to me—

First m^r^ Lonmans, is not the pretended agent, but the Lawfully Constituted Agent for the proprietors of the Eastern Division, of this Province, and has qualified himselfe according to the Queen's Instructions to me, and he does Reside the Greatest part of his time in the province, the Records are not carried out of the Eastern Division, unless it be those which Thomas Gordon has Imbezelled, but those that came to the hands of m^r^ Lonmans are kept at Amboy, where anybody may have Recourse to them that will desire at any Reasonable hour, and the Country is not Under any disappointment upon that account besides the Records of the Eastern Division were put into the hands of the proprietors Agent by an Order from England, upon a Complaint made in England that the Records were not in the hands of the proprietors Agents.

These Governour are some of the Grievances

This is certainly one of the boldest assertions that ever was made especially when there appears no manner of proof to make it out, when I read these two Clauses, for there are two before you come to Enumerate these Grievances of a higher nature, and attended with worse Consequences, I expected to have found myselfe or some other persons Intrusted with me in the administration of the Goverm^t^ over her majesties Subjects in this province, not only accused, but made plainly appeare, by undeniable Manifest proofs, beyond the possibility of a Contradiction to be Guilty of the most Enormous crimes—Who can Imagine when Such a body of men as the Representatives of a Province venture to Say that they did Expect when the Goverment of the Jerseys was Surrendered to feel the Influences of the Queen's mild Goverm^t^ under her more Immediate Administration, and to be protected in the full Enjoyment of their Liberty's and properties, the last of which they thought themselves a little more Secure in, than Some of the neighbouring

ing plantations, And had an Intire Dependance that her Majesty's Royall bounty & goodness, would never be wanting to make them Easy and happy—even beyond their Wishes—It's their misfortune they must Say, the Success has not answered the expectation, and the Queen's Subjects here have Felt the Reverse of what they had most reason to hope, that greatest and best of princes is without all peradventure ignorant of their pressures, or they had Long Since had Reliefe, She is too good to Continue even the Deserved Sufferings of the Miserable, and has more of heaven in her, than not to hear the Cry's of those that groan under oppression & the unkind effects of mistaken power, to whom they owe their misery—Who would not, I Say, after Such Assertions, expect to See the Governour proved Guilty, Either of treason or betraying the trust Reposed in him, by the Queen, by depriving the Subjects of their lives their Estates or properties, or at least denying them Justice, and perverting the laws to the oppression, Instead of Administering them for the Protection and preservation of the people Committed to his Charge, these or the like Crimes manifestly proved, are the only things that can Justify men in the Accusing a Governour of Corrupt practice, & of Shaking the Lyberties & properties of the people, but if none of these things can be proved, but on the Contrary it does appear plainly, that no one Act of Severity, much less of Injustice or oppression has been done Since the Goverm^{t} of this Province came under the Queen, but that there has been an Impartial, Just and Equall Administration of Justice observed thro'out the whole Course of my government, and that many acts of mercy have been Extended to persons, who deserved to be Severely punished, then what Sort of Creatures must these bold Accusers appear to be, in the Eyes of all Impartiall and Judicious men, That these are truths beyond all Contradiction and which all the people of this Province know, I doe Challenge you and every one of you to prove the Contrary. And tho I know very well that there are Severall Unquiet Spiritts in this Province, who will never be Content to live quiett under any Government, but their own & not long Under that Neither, As appears by their Methods of proceeding when the Government was in the hands of the prop^{rs} when many of these very Men who are now the Remonstrancers, were in authority and used the most arbitrary and Illegall Methods of proceeding over their Fellow Subjects that were Ever heard of. Yet I am Sattisfied there are few men in the Province, Except Sam^{l} Jennings & Lewis Morris, Men Known Neither to have good principalls nor good Moralls

Moralls who have ventured to accuse a Governour of Such Crimes, without any proof to make but their accussation but they are Capable of anything but good;

But that the unreasonableness of these Complaints may appear the plainer, let us Consider what these Enormityes of mine are, that have turned the benign Influences of the Queen's mild Goverment into oppression and the unkind effects of Mistaken power.

First by the Instructions her Most Sacred Majesty the Queen has honrd me with, I am to allow all Such Agents as the Generall Proprietors Shall appoint, Such Agents qualifying themselves by taking Such Oaths as the Queen is pleased to direct and no others, No persons under the name of a Councill of proprietors have ever Tendered themselves to take those Oaths, Consequently they are not Capable of acting as Agents, Besides I Say, those people who call themselves a Councill of propr^{s} are a parcell of people pretending to act by a power derived from certaine persons, who have no power to grant, the Governour has therefore done in this Case Nothing but his Duty in hindering as farr as in him lay that pretended Councill, of proprietors, from acting Illegally, which they have long done to the prejudice of her Majes^{ys} Subjects. This is a truth I cannot doubt of, because besides the other reasons I have to Satisfie me in y^{t} point, you have voted my putting the Records of the Eastern Division into the hands of Peter Lonmans—to be a Grievance, tho. m^{r} Lonmans has qualified himselfe long agoe, So that y^{e} Councill of Proprietors not having qualified themselves at all is a much greater Grievance.

By the Queen's Instructions to me, She is pleased to direct, that no person Shall be capable of being Elected a Representative, by the freeholders of Either Division, or afterwards Sitting in Gen^{ll} Assembly who Shall not have One Thousand Acres of land of an Estate of freehold in his own Right, within the Division for which he shall be chosen, Two gentlemen of the Councill Informed me, that these persons whose names they then mentioned, were not qualified, upon which I Refused to take their attestations, (for they were all quakers) and in So doing I did my duty, I Recommended it to the Assembly at that time, to proceed in the first place to Inquire into that matter, but they did not think fitt to doe it, till they had satt about three weeks, and then they Sent me a Message to desire those three members might be Sworn, for they were Satisfied they were qualified, I Sent them word, that if they would Communicate

nicate to me the proofs which had Satisfied them, I Should be ready to admitt them, bnt that they would not doe; in Some few days the assembly was adjourned to meet at Burlington, where they mett at the time appointed and sent me the Same message as they had done before, I Sent them the Same answer, upon which they ordered the three members to produce to me the proofs of their Qualifications, which having done I admitted them Immediately, which I could not doe before w'thout breaking the Queen's Instructions, So that it was Intirely thro their own Stubbornness that they were not admitted sooner, and no Intent or desire of mine to keep them out; If I had a mind to keep any Members out of the house I could have made objections which they could never have answered, but Such practices are below me, and it is not true I have made any Violation of the Liberty's of the people, nor have I assumed to myself a Negative Voice to the Freeholders Election of Representatives, as this House of Representatives has lately most notoriously done, but of that more anon

Indeed the treatment I have met with from this House of Representatives is far different from what I and all Reasonable Men Expected from Most of them, thinking them Endowed with reason and common Justice to mankind, but it is not different from what I expected, from Sam[l] Jennings and Lewis Morris, two men notoriously known allways to have bin disturbers of the Quiett and peace of this province, men allways possest with passionate heats, & the transports of most Vindictive temper, but never Capable of Such Serious Resentments as would become a house of Representatives, if there were any Occasion given them to Shew any, how they have bin able to prevail with the Major part of the house, to Joyn with them in Destroying as far as in them lay, the Reputation of a Gent who has the honour to Serve the Queen as Governour of this Province, & is so farr from Deserving such treatment from them, that he has allways done to the utmost of his power for the good, wellfare and prosperity of this province and people— and would have done much more if the assembly would have put it into his power, by preparing Such bills as the Governour at the beginning of Every Session has Recommended to them, and the Condition of the Country Required, but that they must answer for to God and their own Consciences and perhaps one day to me—

Whether many considerable Sums of money have bin Raised or not, I know not, and if they were Raised, for what Intent and purpose they were Raised I know not, but this I know, that if any money was Raised, it was not given to me, nor was

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Ever any money offered to me to procure the dissolution of the first Assembly, or to gett Clear of the proprietors Quit-rents, or to obtain Such officers as the Contributors Should approve of—as is falsely alleged—The reasons why I dissolved the first Assembly were Evident to all Mankind, for it was plain that house never Intended to do anything for the Support of the Queen's Government, nor for the good of the Country, and Indeed better Could not be Expected from an assembly So Corruptly Chosen as that was, for some of the now Remonstrancers and some other people prevailed with Thomas Gordon then Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, to Refuse a Poll when demanded, and when the people Injur'd by that practice Complained to the House of Representatives, they had a day assigned them to be heard, but were Limited to bring but twenty Wittnesses, the people attended at the day appointed with the number of witnesses they were allowed to bring, but were then by the House Refused to be heard, not only by themselves, but by their Councill, and their witnesses Refused to be Examined—tho' at the Same time they heard Thomas Gordon who was Complained against, and did examine Some witnesses on his behalfe, upon which the petition of the Complainants was dismist,—thereby Supporting the Illegall proceedings of the Sheriff, this was a violation of the Rights of the people with a vengeance, And a Sufficient reason (if I had no other) for the dissolving that assembly, that the people might once more have a free Choyce of ten Representatives; As for getting Clear of the proprietors Quitt rents it is Such an absurdity to Mention, that no body would be guilty of it, but Sam[ll] Jennings and Lewis Morris, for it is evident that at y[e] beginning of Every Sessions, I have Recommended it to the assembly to prepare a bill or bills, for Settling the Rights of the proprietors, which I Suppose will be a full answer to that part, and as I know of no such men as Contributors, So I can have no Such application made to me. I have not knowingly put any mean or Mercenary men into office, Indeed at my first Coming into the Goverment of this province I desired the gentl[m] of the Councill to Recommend persons to me fitt to be put into office, military and civill, Several of them gave me lists and amongst the Rest M[r] Lewis Morris gave me one which I have still by me, in which indeed by Experience I find there are Some meane Scandalous Men, but I can't accuse anybody Else of doing the Like.

Thus much I thought myselfe obliged to Say in answer to your Remonstrance, to Satisfie the world of the falseness of your allegations, and the unreasonableness of your Complaints,

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I have Said the less in ánswer to the Scandalous Reflections you have cast upon me, because I do not doubt but upon my most humble application to her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, She will be graciously pleased to allow me to take Such measures as may be most, proper to procure an ample Satisfaction, for the great and Extravagant Injuries you have don me.

As for the advice you Conclude with I Shall only Say, that I can never answer the taking advice from men who do not know how to Govern themselves, and who have allways opposed the Service of the Queen, and the Interest and good of the country, which are Inseperable.

Now, Gent. I shall take Notice to you of Some of your late unaccountable proceedings in this assembly, which I can't by, without a breach of the trust reposed in me by her majesty; And first I Shall observe that at the opening of the Sessions, I Recommended to you the Settling of a Revenue, and the preparing Severall Bills which I thought Might be useful for the Country, and I told you, that if you found anything else necessary, to be provided for by a Law, you should always find me ready to agree to anything, that might be reasonable, but Instead of proceeding upon those things So necessary, that they ought to have Imployed your first thoughts, you have Squandered away your time in hawking after Imaginary Grievances, for the Space of one whole month, without making one Step towards the Service of the Queen or the Country.

You have presumed to take the Queen's Subjects into the Custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, who are not Members of your house, which you can't lawfully doe, and is a notorious Violation of the Liberty's of the people.

You have taken upon you to administer an Oath to one of your Members, and have Expell'd him the House for refusing to take an Oath which you could not legally administer to him, that is most Certainly robbing that Member of his property, and a most notorious assuming to yourSelves a negative Voice to the freeholders Election of their Representatives for which there can be no precedent found.

You have arbitrarily taken upon you to Command the high Sheriff of this County to discharge a prisoner, who was in his Custody at the Suit of one of the Queen's Subjects and he has been weak enough to doe it, for which he Lyes liable to be Sued for an escape whenever the Gen thinks fit to doe it, and from which you can't protect him, this is a notorious Violation of the Rights of the Subject, and a manifest Interruption of Justice.

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You have taken upon you to appoint one of your Members to act as Clerk of the Committee of the whole house, which you have no power to doe, and the party officiating is Liable to be prosecuted, for acting without Lawful authority and without being qualified to act.

These gent are some of the Irregularities you have bin guilty of this Sessions, Some of them are Incroachments upon the Queen's prerogative, the rest are all notorious Infractions upon the Liberty's & property's of the people. I was going to Conclude with giving you Some wholesome advice, but I consider that will be but labour lost, and therefore Shall reserve it for persons, who I hope will make the Right use of it.

The House adjurn'd till tomorrow Morning 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 13° Maii 1.707

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the acc^{t} Given in by Peter Fanconnier Esq^{r} her Majesty's Receiver Generall for this province, and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee that they Desired an order of the House for s^{d} Fanconnier Esq^{r} his appearance at four a Clock in the afternoon with the Vouchers to s^{d} account.

Ordered that Peter Fanconnier Esq^{r} attend this house at four a Clock in the afternoon with the vouchers to the acc^{n} given in by him to this house.

The House adjurn'd till three a Clock in y^{e} afternoon.

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The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole house to Consider further of the accounts given to this House by Her Majesty's Rec^{r} Generall, and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair,

Peter Fanconnier Esq^{r} acquainted this house that he Could not Comply with the orders of this house in giving in the vouchers to his account without first having his Lordship's Commands for the Same.

Ordered that Cap^{tn} Farmer & Cap^{tn} Harrison wait on his Lordship to Desire his Excell^{cy} to order the Recr Generall to lay before this House the Vouchers to his acc^{t} and the orders for the payments of the severall articles therein Contained.

The House adjurn'd till tomorrow morning 8 a Clock.

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DIE MERCURII A. M. 14 Maii 1.707

Cap^{t} Farmer Reported that Cap^{t} Harrison and himselfe according to order of this House had waited on his Excellency to desire his Excell^{cy} to order the Recr Generall of this province to lay before this house the Vouchers to his account, laid before this house, and the Orders for the payments of the Severall articles therein Contained, and that his Lordship's answer was, that he had already ordered the Receiver Generall to lay his acc^{t} before the house which was more than he need to have don, and his lordship farther Said he could not legally order him to lay his vouchers &c before the house, for the Lord High Treasurer had appointed an auditor Generall for this province, and he not being in the province had Deputed one to audit s^{d} accounts, and that the Receiver Generall was accountable only to the Lord High Treasurer, but if the House was dissatisfied with any articles Contained in s^{d} account, If they would apply to him, he would Satisfie them.

Ordered that his Lordship's answer be Refered to farther Consideration.

Ordered That M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Hall and Cap^{t} Harrison prepare & bring in a bill to ascertain the qualifications of men to Serve on Juries.

Ordered That M^{r} Gardner, M^{r} Wills, M^{r} Kay, Cap^{t} Morris M^{r} Royse and Cap^{t} Farmer, prepare and bring in a bill for Settling and Confirming the Estates of the proprietors and other purchasers of land within the Western Division of this province of New Jersey.

Ordered That M^{r} Tompson, M^{r} Bryant, M^{r} Mathilsen M^{r} Wyatt, Cap Parker, Cap^{t} Price, M^{r} Johnson, M^{r} Pawl, M^{r} Crane prepare & bring in a Bill for ascertaining the Representatives Fees of Generall Assembly.

The H^{s} adjurn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 15 Maii 1.707

M^{r} Gordon according to order brought in a bill Entituled an Act for the Regulating of Jurors within thris Povince which was Received and Read Ordered a 2^{d} reading tomorrow Morning.

Ordered that M^{r} Gordon assist the Committee appointed for preparing & bringing a Bill for Ascertaining the Representatives Fees of Generall Assembly.

The H^{s} adjurn'd till tomorrow nine a Clock.

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DIE VENERIS 16 Maii 1.707

The bill Entituled an act for the Regulating of Jurors within this Province was read the Second time.

Ordered the s^{d} bill be referred to farther Consideration.

The Clerke of the Councill acquainted the house his Excellency Required the attendance of the house at twelve a Clock this day.

The H^{s} adjurn'd till twelve a Clock.

DUODECIMA h^{a} Ejusd Diei

M^{r} Speaker acquainted the house he had Rec^{d} a message from his Excell, by the Clerke of the Councill Requiring their present attendance.

M^{r} Speaker with the house went to attend his Lordship accordingly.

His Lordship was pleased to adjurn the assembly till the tenth day of Sept next.

END OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE FIRST SESSIONS OF THE THIRD ASSEMBLY.

Minutes of the House of Representatives of the Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey in the Second Sitting of the first Sessions of the Third Assembly, begun at Amboy the twenty third day of October 1.707, in the Sixth yeare of her Majesty's Reigne, with his Lordship's adjurnments from the sixteenth day of the same moneth.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 16° Oct^bris 1.707

His Lordship adjurn'd the Assembly till Satturday Morning halfe an hour past tenn a Clock.

DIE SATTURNII A. M. 18° 8^bris 1.707

His Lordship adjurn'd the Assembly till Monday Morning Eleven a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 20° 8^bris 1.707

His Lordship adjurn'd the assembiy till Eleven a clock wednesday morning.

DIE MERCURII A M. 22° 8^bris 1.707

His Lordship adjurn'd the assembly till Eleven a Clock Thursday morning.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 23° 8^bris 1.707

The house being mett a Message from his Excellency by the Clerke of the Councill acquainting the H^s that his Excellency Required their attendance Imediately.

M^r Speaker with the House went to attend his Excellen^y and his Lordship having made them a Speech they Returned, and M^r Speaker having Resumed the Chaire, Motion was made that

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a writt might Issue out for the Choyce of a member to Serve for Monmouth County in the Room of Cap^{t} John Bown who was Expelled this house last Sitting.

Ordered that the Consideration of s^{d} motion be Refered till tomorrow Morning.

Motion being made and the Question put whether this House will make a Reply to his Excellency's answer to the Remonstrance given in to his Excellency last Sitting, It past in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

The house Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole House and after Some time Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair, and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee, that they had made Some progress in the Matters before them, & that he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sitt againe tomorrow.

The H^{s} adjurn'd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 24. O^{bris} 1.707

Ordered that his Excellencys Speech to this House be read, which was Read accordingly viz.

Gent.

I am Sorry to See Soe many persons who have been Chosen by the Country to Serve as Representatives in this Assembly as I Perceive are now absent, have soe little Regarde to the Service of the Queen and their Country as to Neglect soe great a trust as is reposed in them.

I did attend here the very day to which the Assembly Stood adjourned, in hopes the Season of the yeare would have Induced Gentlemen to attend their Duty early, that they might have been the Sooner dismist, but Since it happens otherwise, and I See there is a Majority of the house present, I am not willing those that doe attend, Should, by the Negligence of others, be deprived of the opportunity of doing what is possible for the good of the Country, I shall therefore propose to you Such things For your Considerations as I think not only proper but of absolute Necessity to be provided for at this time.

And first I may acquaint you by Command from the Great Queen of England my Royal Mistres, that her Majesty expects you to Settle Such a Revenue as may be Sufficient to Support the dignity of her Government and Supply all the necessary Charges of the Same, and because the Queen has bin Informed that

that the Country is poore, I am Commanded to acquaint you that She is graciously pleased to accept of fiveteen Hundred pounds a yeare, in the Stead of two thousand pounds a yeare which were granted for two years, which terme expired on the 13 day of december last I am likewise Commanded to acquaint you that her Majesty expects this Revenue Shall be Settled for one and twenty years.

Ever Since I have had the Honour to Serve the Queen as Governor of this Province, at the beginning of every Sessions I have Recommended to you the preparing a Bill or Bills whereby the Right and property of the Generall proprietors, to the Soyl of this Province may be confirmed to them according to their Respective Rights and Titles, and Likewise for the Confirming and Settling the particular Titles and Estates of all the Inhabitants of this Province, and other purchasers Clayming under the Generall Proprietors, This is in its own nature so necessary, for the Settlement, well being and happiness of this people and Country, that I hope it will be noe longer delayed.

I did the last Sessions take notice to you of the Ill Condition of the Bridges of this Province, I was then and Still am of opinion that the only way Effectually to cure that distemper would be to lay a tax for the building of Bridges in all such places where they are Requisite upon the Generall Publique highways, if you can think of any better Method, I shall be very ready to hearken to it.

There are Some other things I shall allways think myselfe obliged to put you in mind of as often as we meet, particularly a Bill for Settling the Militia, A Bill for Settling the Qualifications of Jurors, a Bill for Laying the Same Dutys and Impositions upon goods Imported into and exported out of this province as are paid by her Majesty's Subjects in the Neighbouring Province of New Yorke, And a Bill to prevent Idle persons Setting the woods on fire, for want of which I believe many people will Suffer Considerably in their Cattle this winter; These Gentlemen are things I believe most people are Satisfied ought to be provided for.

I must likewise recommend to you the making Some provision for Erecting and Repairing Court houses and prisons of which there is great want in this Province.

The last thing I shall Recommend to you at this time is a Review of the Laws in force in this Province, before the Government was Surrendered to her majesty, Some among them may with Some amendments be made useful, if Soe Shall allways find me ready to Receive them.

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This is what I thought mySelf, by my good wishes to the Country, obliged to put you in mind of, at this time, if anything else occurs to your thoughts fit to be provided for by a Law, you Shall allways find me ready to Receive any thing that may be for the Service of the Queen and the good and welfare of the Country.

Gentlemen Since I wrote this one thing more Occurs to my thoughts, which is this, I have Received Information from very good hands that the Negroes are grown very Insolent and Committ great Enormities, the best Expedient I can Recommend to you in that case is the passing a law to Settle a price upon the head of every Negroe who Shall be put to death in pursuance of the Law, to be paid to the owner of every such Negro, this I hope will be a means to frighten them from Committing any the like Enormities for the future.

The House according to Order having taken into Consideration the motion for Choyce of a Member to Serve for Monmouth County.

Ordered That the Speaker Issue out his warrant to the Clerke of the Crown for the Electing a Representative for the County of Monmouth to Serve in General Assembly in the Room of Cap John Bown who was Expelled this house last Setting.

Ordered that the House will Resolve itselfe into a Grand Committee of the whole House Monday morning next to Consider his Excell^{cys} speech.

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole house and after Some time Spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire and M^{r} Lewis Morris Reported from s^{d} Committee that they had Drawn up a Reply to his Excellency's answer to their Remonstrance, which was Read;

Motion being made and the Question put whether the Reply to his Lordship's answer to the Remonstrance given in to his Lordship last Sitting, Shall pass with its amendments as it was last read in the Committee, It past in the affirmative.

The House adjurn'd till tomorrow morning 10 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 25; Octr 1707

The House mett and adjurned till tenn a Clock monday morning.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 27 Oct 1.707

The House according to Order Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole house to Consider of his Excellency's Speech, and after Sometime Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed

sumed the Chair and m^r Lewis Morris Reported from s^d Committee that they had come to Some Conclusion in the matters to them Refered, and, That it was Resolved by said Committee Nemine Contradicente, that this H^s will not Rayse any Money untill his Excellency Consents to Redress the Grievances of the Country, which if he does, then this house has Resolved to Raise fiveteen hundred pounds for the Support of the Government for one yeare.

Motion being made and the question put whether the House did agree to the Reslve of the Committee It is Resolved by the House Nemine Contradicente, that this house will not Raise any money until his Excellency Consents to Redress the Grievances of the Country, which if he does, then this house has Resolved to Raise fiveteen hundred pounds for the Support of the Government for one Yeare.

M^r Bass The Clerke of the Crown came to this House and acquainted the House that he had Received a wrarrant from the Speaker of this house Requiring him to Issue out a writt to the Sheriff of Monmouth County for the Electing a fitt person to Serve as Representative for s^d County in the Room of Cap John Bown, which order he Said he Could not Comply with not having the Seale of this Province his Lordship having the keeping of the Same by directions from the Queen.

The House adjurn'd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock

DIE MARTIS A.M. 28 Octr 1.707

Ordered that Cap Parker and m^r Lawrence wait on his Excellency with the following Message viz.

The House of Representatives for the province of N Jersey, having Seen your Excellency's answer to their Remonstrance in Print, have thought fitt to make a Reply to it, and have Sent to know when your Excellency will admitt them to wait on you with it.

The house Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole House, and after Some time Spent therein m^r Speaker Resumed the Chair,

Capt Parker and m^r Lawrence Reported that they had Delivered the Message of this house to his Excell and that his Lordship Answered, he would Return the House an answer in due time.

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole House, and after Some time Spent therein, M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Lewis Morris Reported from Said Committee that they had Resolved that Some persons be appointed to Revise

vise the Laws Formerly in force in this province, and the Laws of England, and Report what they Judge proper to be enacted, and that a Bill be prepared for Prohibiting the Exportation of wheat, and one other for Selling the Rights and property's of the Proprietors.

Motion being made and the question put, whether the House did agree to the Resolves of the Committee. It past in the affirmative.

Ordered that m^r^ Gardner, m^r^ Willis, m^r^ Hall, m^r^ Pawl, m^r^ Lewis Morris, m^r^ Gordon, m^r^ Royse, m^r^ Lawrence, and Cap^t^ Farmer be a Committee to Revise the Laws formerly in force in this Province, and the Laws of England and Report what they Judge proper to be Enacted, and that they have power to Send for persons, Books, papers and Records.

Ordered that Cap^t^ Farmer, M^r^ Royse, and M^r^ Wills prepare and bring in a Bill for prohibiting the Exportation of wheat.

Ordered that M^r^ Lewis Morris, M^r^ Hall, and M^r^ Gardner prepare and bring in a Bill for Settling the Rights and property's of the Proprietors, and that they have power to Send for persons, Books, papers and Records.

The House adjurn'd till tomorrow Morning 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 29 Octo. 1.707

Motion being made and the question put whether the Reply to his Lordship's answer Should be Sent up to his Excellency. It past in the affirmative.

Ordered that m^r^ Royse m^r^ Hall, m^r^ Lawrence, and Cap^t^ Parker wait on his Excellency with the following Message, vizt.

The House of Representatives having Sent a Message to your Excellency, to know when your Excellency would be waited on, with a Reply, this House had made to your Excell^cys^ answer to their Remonstrance, and your Excellency having not (as is Usual in Such cases) assigned them any time, they have appointed us to wait upon your Excellency with the Said Reply and to deliver it to you; and that they Deliver to his Excell^cy^ the Reply of this house to his Lordship's answer to their Remonstrance.

Ordered that his Lordship's answer to the Remonstrance given into his Lordship's last Sitting, and the Reply of this House thereof, be Entered in the Minutes of this House.

Ordered that the Reply to his Lordship's answer be forthwith printed and published.

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Mr Royse Reported that mr Hall, mr Lawrence Capt Parker, and himselfe mett his Excellency by the way, and acquainted his Lordship they were Sent by the house with a Message to his Lordship, his Lordship Asked what it was, Mr Royse Asked if he would Receive it there, his Lordship Replyed "yes," why not as well here as any where Ellse, upon which mr Royse Said he delivered the Message to his Lordship who read it, and Said he had Sent the house word yesterday, that he would give them an answer in due time. Mr Royse further Reported that he acquainted his Lordship he had an Order from the house to deliver the Reply to his Lordship's answer to his Excell, and tendered the Same, to which his Lordship Replyed, "I will not Receive it, you doe not proceed Regularly.

The Reply to his Lordship's answer to the Remonstrance is as follows vizt.

May it please your Excellency,

We the Representatives of this her Majesty's Province of New Jersey, finding her Majesty's Subjects greatly and as we are very well sattisfied with good reason aggrieved, thought we could not answer the trust reposed in us by our Country Should we not Endeavour to gett those hardships removed under which they Labour'd.

It was needless to hunt after Imaginary grievances, reall ones in too great numbers presented themselves, and though from you we have mist of obtaining that reliefe, that the Justice of our Complaints Intitled us to, Yet we do not despaire of being heard by her Sacred Majesty, at whose Royall feet we Shall in the humblest manner, Lay an account of our Sufferings, and however Contemptible we are, or are Endeavoured to be made appeare, we are perswaded her Majesty will Consider us, as the Representatives of the Province of New Jersey, who must better know what are the Grievances of the Country they Represent, than a Governour can doe, who Regularly ought to Receive Informations of that kind from them, and we doe not doubt that Glorious Queen will make her Subjects here as easy and happy as She can.

When we told your Excellency we had reason to think Some of our Sufferings were very much owing to your Excellency's long absence from this province, which rendered it very difficult to apply to your Lordship in Some cases that might need a present help, we Spoak Truth; and notwithstanding

notwithstanding all y^{r} Excellency has Said of a Month's or twelve weeks in a yeare and the weekly going of the Port, we cannot be Persuaded to believe that nine months or upwards in a yeare is not a long absence, Especially when the Seale of the Province is carryed & kept out of the Goverment all that time, and the Hon$^{bl\,e}$ Co^{l} Ingoldsby the Lieutenant Governour So farr from doing right, that he declyned doing any act of Government at all, whether he govern'd himselfe by your Excelle$^{y's}$ Directions or not we cannot tell, but Sure we are that this Province being as it were without Government for above nine Months in a yeare we must still think it a great Grievance, and not made less so by Carrying the Seale of the Province to New Yorke, and Laying her Majesty's Subjects under a necessity of applying from the Remotest Part of this Province for three parts of the year and better, to your Excellency at Fort Anne in New Yorke, From which place most of the Commissions and Pattents granted during your Excellency's absence are dated, (by what authority we Shall not Enquire) Notwithstanding a Lieutenant Governour resides in the Province and is by her Majesty's Comission Empowered to Execute the Queen's Letters Pattents, and the Powers therein Contained during your Excellency's absence from this Province, of New Jersey—without which Powers given and duly Executed a Lieutenant Governour is Useless and an unnecessary Charge, and we cannot think that her Sacred majesty who honor'd that Gentleman with So great a Marke of her Royall favour, as Giving him a Commission for Leiutenant Governour of New Jersey, did at the Same time Inhibitt him from Executing the powers therein Exprest.

Things are Sometimes best Illustrated by their Contrary's, and perhaps the most Effectuall way to Convince the world, that this Complaint is frivolous and untrue, as is by your Excellency alleged, would be for your Excellency to bring the Seale of the Province of New Yorke to Burlington, keep it there and doe all the acts of Government Relating to the province of New Yorke, at Burlington in New Jersey for above three fourths of a yeare, and lett the Lieutenant Governour Reside at New Yorke during that time without doing any act of Government, adjourn their Assembly on the Very day or day before they are to meet, that they may not lose the advantage of travelling to New Yorke from the remotest part of that province, and at a time when it cannot be done without the utmost Prejudice to their affairs. Its hardly probable they would be pleased under Such

Such an admistration, notwithstanding the Ease of Informing your Excellency every week by the post of any Emergency that might happen.

We are apt to believe upon the Credit of your Excellency's assertions That there may be a number of people in this province who will never be faithful to nor live quietly under any Government nor Suffer their Neighbours to Enjoy any peace, quiet or happiness, if they can help it. Such people are Pests in all governments have ever bin so in this, and we know of none who can lay a fairer Claim to those charecters than Many of your Excell^cys favorites.

What mallice and revenge were in the Prosecution of the Condemned Persons we don't know, we never heard of any till now, and hardly can be persuaded to believe its possible there Should in both the Instances. It's not impossible there might be Mallice in the prosecution of the woman who was Condemned for Poysoning her Husband, there not being, (as is said) plain proofe of the fact, but 'twas prov'd She had attempted it before more than once, and there were Soe many other Concurring Circomstances as did Induce the Jury, who were of the Neighborhood (and well knew her Charector) to find her Guilty, and it's hardly probable their So doing was an act of Mallice.

The woman who murdered her own Child did it in Such a manner and So publiquely that It's unreasonable to Suppose there could be any Mallice in the prosecution of her, and we cannot think (notwithstanding your Excellency's assertions) that you can or may believe there was, this woman was a Prisoner in the Sheriff's Custody for breach of the peace, and going about Some of the household affairs, the Sheriff Employed her in, with a knife in her hand, her Child who was Something froward, followed her Crying, upon which the Mother turn'd back to it and cutt its throat, but not having cut it deep Enough, the Child Still followed her all bloody, and Crying O, mother you have hurt me, the mother turn'd back a Second time, and cut it Effectually, and then it took it up and carryed it to the Sheriff or his wife, at whose feet She laid it, how farr Such a wretch is Intitled to the Queen's favour her Majesty can best tell, when She's made acquainted with the fact, but Sure we are She never gave your Excellency the power of pardoning willful murder, whether your Excell^cy has or has not Reprived them you best know, and are only accountable to her maj^ty for your proceedurs therein ; tho' we have too Much reason to beleive the favorable opinion your Excell^cy has so publiquely Exprest of her, has been

been a great reason to Induce her to make her Escape which she has done. We thought it our duty humbly to Represent that matter to your Excellency's Consideration, and had reason to be apprehensive of the Judgments of Almighty God, whose Infinite Mercy has hitherto Suspended the Execution of his Justice notwithStanding the great Provocations have been given him by Impiety, Profaneness and Debauchery under the Maske of a pretended Zeal for his glory and love For his Church.

It is not our business to Enter into Religious Controversies, we leave them to devines, who ought best to understand things of that Nature, and who may Perhaps Informe us what is ment by denying the very Essence of the Saviour of the world.

We cannot yet be Persuaded that an Innocent Person Should pay fees, what the practice in England is we did never Enquire, but believe that persons acquitted by a grand Jury do not pay those Extravagant fees they are made to pay here, we did not governe ourselves by the Practice there but the unreasonableness of the thing: and your Excellency does grant that what we Say is in Some measure to be allowed were the Jurys in this Country Such as they ought to be, We hope they are and our Experience has not Convinct us that persons who under pretence of Conscience refuse an Oath have yett no Regard for the Oaths the take as y^{r} Excellency sais. The temptations to Resentment prove often too powerfull and Irresistible, Engage us in unbecoming heats and when the Charecters of men are written with penns too deeply dipt in gall it only evinces a want of Temper in the writers Our Jurys' here are not So learned or Rich as perhaps they are in England, but we doubt not full as honest.

We thought the only office for probate of Wills was at Burlington, but your Excellcy has Convinct us that it is wherever your Excell^{y} is, and Consequently may be at Yorke, Albany, the East end Long Island, or in Connecticut or New England, or any place more remote Should your Excellency business or Inclination call you there which is So farr from Making it less a grievance that it Makes it more So, and notwithstanding those Soft, Cool and Considerate termes of Malicious Scandalous and frivolous with which your Excelle^{cy} Vouchsafes to treat the assembly of this Province they are of opinion that no Judicious or Impartiall men will think it reasonable that the Inhabitants of one Province Should goe into another to have their Wills proved, and take letters of administration at fort Anne from the Goven^{r} of New Yorke, for what Should Regularly be done by the Governour of New Jersey in Jersey, to

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which place all the acts of Government relating to New Jersey are limited by the Queen's Letters pattent under the great Seale of England, and when your Excellency is absent from new Jersey to be Executed by the Lieutenant gov^r, and by the s^d letters Pattents Not the least Collour of authority is given to your Excellency, to doe any act of Government relating to New Jersey, anywhere but in Jersey, Nor is there any Instructions (that we know of) Contradicting the said Letters Pattents, any where upon Record in this province, to warrant your Excellency's Conduct in that affaire.

If this be not Cause and just cause of Complaint we doe not know what is, we are Inclined to believe the Province of New Yorke, would think it Soe were they to come to Amboy or Burlington to prove wills. &c

We doe not think that what we desire is an Invation of the Queen's Right,but what her Majesty without Infringement of her Prerogative Royall may assent to, and their late Majesty's of blessed Memory did by their Governour Coll Fletcher assent to An Act made in New Yorke in the yeare 1692 Entitled an an act for the Supervising of Intestate Estates, and Regulating the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of administration by which the Court of Common pleas in the Remote Counties of that Province was Impowered to Take the Examination of wittnesses to any Will within their Respective Counties and certifie the same to the Secretary's office and the Judges of the Severall Courts in those Remote County's Impowrd to Grant Probates of any will or Letters of administration to any person or persons, where the Estate did not exceed 50£, what has bin done there may with as much reason be done here without Sacrificing the Queen's Prerogative Royall, to the humours or Capricioes of any person or persons whatsoever.

It is the General assembly of the Province of New Jersey that Complains and not the Quakers, with whose persons (Considered as Quakers) or Meetings we have nothing to doe, nor are Concerned in what your Excell Says against them, they perhaps will think themselves obliged to vindicate their Meetings from the aspersions which your Excellency so Liberally bestows upon them, and Evince to the world how void of rashness and Inconsideration your Excellency's Expressions are, & how becoming it is for the Governour of a Province to Enter the Lists of Controversy with a people who thought themselves Entitled to his Protection of them in the Enjoyment of their Religious Liberty's. Those of them who are Members of this House have begg'd Leave on behalfe of themselves and their friends to tell the Governour that they must

must answer him in the words of Nehemiah to Sanballat contained in the 8th verse of the 6th Chaptr of Nehemiah vizt "there is no Such thing as thou saist, but thou fainest them out of thine owne heart."

We are So well assured that the fact is true that the Secretary's office is kept at Burlington only that we Still are of opinion it is a grievance for the reasons we have assigned, the Proprietors Records has not anything to do with the Secretary's office but is an office wholly belonging to the Proprietors, and alltogether at their Disposall; and is not a Secretary's office kept at Amboy, Either as farr as the Nature of the thing requires or can admit of, or any way at all.

And as the assembly's and Courts Sitt allternately at Amboy and Burlington, So it is highly reasonable the Secretary's office Should be kept allternatively allso at both those places, or by deputy in one of them, And may be very well done without Making two Secretarys.

Both this and the rest of our Complaints are not with designe to amuse the people but are Just and Reasonable; and we believe will by the people be thought to be grievances till they are Redrest; who can noe more think it reasonable that all the Inhabitants of the Eastern Division Should come to the Office at Burlington, than that all of the Western Division Should goe to Amboy.

We are still of opinion the Grant we Complain of is against the Statute we Mention, because it is Exclusive of others & to the Prejudice of the publique. It can never be thought reasonable to prohibit any body to Cart their own Goods or any body's else, as by Virtue of that Grant has bin done, and not only in the Road from Amboy to Burlington, but in the Road from Shrewsbury; and a Pattent may as well be Granted to keep Horses to Hire by which a man may be hinder'd to Ride his owne; It is Distructive of the Common Rights of Men and a great Grievance, and we had reason to Endeavour to get it Redrest. —

It's true a Certaine Convenience For transportation of Goods is no Doubt of great use, and the proffitt that accrues by Such undertaking is the Motive that Induces any person to be at the Charge of them, and providing fitt Carriages for that End, and of ascertaining the times and prices of Carrying, and the more providers of Such Carriages, the more Certain and Cheap the Transportation, and freest from Imposition, and Consequently the Fewer Cariages, the less Certaine & dearer, and the persons under a necessity of using them more Subject to be Imposed upon by the Carryer; Now whether

whether Granting by which others are Excluded, (waveing the unlawfullness of it) be a mean to Encrease the Number of undertakers in y^{t} kind or to lessen them and Confine those who have any occasion to transport goods to give Such price as he that has the pattent thinks fit to Impose, we leave to all men of Common Sense to Judge; and if Experience may be admitted to determine that matter, it is plain that Transportation of Goods both by land and water is dearer than it was before the Granting of that pattent. It's true the Certainty was not So great as now, for now we are certaine a man cannot with his own carte carry his own goods, but that if he does they will be Seized, & if that be one of the Conveniences which the wise people in Europe think of absolute necessity, we Shall think it no Irony to be called wiser in differing from them, and calling them Monopolies as they are, and prejudicial to Trade, and Especially that between Yorke and Amboy, Burlington and Philadelphia which did not owe Its beginning to your Excellency's Pattent, but was begun Long before your Excellency had anything to doe with New Jersey, and in all probability had much more Encreast were it not for that Pattent. And we believe whenever the Gentlemen of the Law will give your Excellency their true opinion of it you will not be long in doubt whether 'tis a monopoly or not. We thought it a a monopoly, as we doe Still, and a grievance, as it is allso both that and other Grants made by your Excellency at Fort Anne in New York for anything in Jersey.

Your Excellency has neither by birth nor acquisition a Right to the Sovereignty of New Jersey, nor have you any Power of Governing the Queen's Subjects here, but what her Majesty is pleased to Grant you by her Letters pattents under the great Seale of England, by which Letters Pattents the Powers therein Contained are Limitted to that Country which was formerly Granted by King Charles the Second under the name of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, and wth has since bin subdivided by the Proprietors and Called East New Jersey, and West New Jersey and which her Maj^{ty} is pleased to Reunite under one Entire Government viz^{t} The Divisions of East and West New Jersey in America and in case of your Excellency's Death or absence from that Country which was Subdevided by the Proprietors & Called East New Jersey and West New Jersey, the powers of Government are Lodged in other hands ; Now Either Fort Anne and the City of New Yorke is in that Country granted by King Charles the Second and Subdevided by the Proprietors thereof and Called East New Jersey and West New Jersey or your Excellency is absent

absent from New Jersey when you are at Fort Ann in New Yorke That Fort Anne is in New Jersey we believe that even your Excellency Will think it Impracticable to persuade us to doe So much violence to our Reason as to believe. Therefore your Excellency when at Fort Anne or anywhere in New Yorke is absent from New Jersey and what the Consequence is we need not Say, thinking the pretence of a Power to doe acts of Goverm^{t} relating to New Jersey at Fort Anne in New Yorke to be so Manifestly absurd as to need nothing Farther to be Said Against it.

There is nothing more Common in the Statutes than the Establishing fees, and we are of opinion that all fees have been Established by act of Parlament and Indeed it seems to us unreasonable they Should be Established by any other authority, for if a governour Either wth or without his Councill can appoint what Summs of Money Shall be paid for fees he may make them Large Enough to Defray the charges of Government without y^{e} Formality of an act of assembly, to raise a Revenue for the necessary Support of the Same, and if it does not come up to the taxing of the Queen's Subjects without their Consents in Assembly, we are to Seek what does.

We cannot think the Clause of your Excell^{y} Instructions which we have recited, to be So forraigne to the Matter of fees, as your Excellency sais It is, for the Enforsing the payment of fees by any authority but that of the assembly's, is taking away a man's goods otherwise than by Established or known Laws, Except the act of a Governour and Councill be a Law which we think is not nor never Intended by the Queen it Should, Nor doe we think by the Instructions your Excellency Mentions you are to Establish fees, but only to Regulate those allready appointed, and to take care that no Exaction was used, but if it did your Excellency has convinct the world that you doe not think yourselfe bound by the Queens Instructions but where the Law binds allso—

As in the Case of Ormston where nothing Could be more Positive than her Majesties Directions yet your Excellency did not think yourselfe Ministeriall, or by not Complying with her Maj^{ties}' Orders that you accused the best of Queens with Commanding her Governour to doe a thing which was not warranted by Law. Nor never Enquired whether the Refusing obedience to her Commands was a fitt Return for the many favours She had bestowed upon you. but govern'd yourselfe in that Singular Instance as neere as you could by the Law.

The Seventh Clause was not putt in to arraigne the Queen's Express Commands to your Excell, but to Complain of the great

great hardships her Majesties Subjects lay under by your Excell putting the Records there mentioned into the hands of Peter Sonmans which is not the Proprietors Recorder nor no Express Command from the Queen to put the Books into his hands, and may in part answer the Challenge made by y^r^ Excellency in the last part of the next foregoing Clause; for your Excellency had Commanded the s^d^ Records to be put into the hands of M^r^ Bass the Queen's Secretary upon which application was made to her Majesty who was pleased to give an Order in favour of the Proprietors, and without all peradventure 'twas Intended they Should be in the hands of the Proprietors Recorder, which m^r^ Tho^s^ Gordon was at that time, and Regularly is Still, being Constituted by the Majority of the proprietors in the Eastern Division and by your Excellency Sworn, m^r^ John Barclay was allso by your Excellency sworne and a proclamation Issued in his favour.

Since which m^r^ Peter Sonman arrived from England and upon application to your Excellency was by your Excell^y^ admitted Receiver Generall of the Quitt rents, and the propri^s^ Records by your Excellency put into his hands which, with Submission, we think could not be don regularly by your Excellency for in the First place they were Constituted by the Majority of the Proprietors, whose Servants they were, and to whome they were accountable and to none Else.

2^ty^ These places were the properties of m^r^ Tho^s^ Gordon and m^r^ John Barclay, and to deprive them of them without due Course of Law is what your Excellency, has no authority to doe, nor can have—

3^dly^ Whether they were made by the greater or lesser part of the Proprietors your Excellency was no ways Concerned nor had any right of determining in the favour of Either one or Other, the Law being open to any one who thought themselves aggrieved.

4^thy^ Those books and Records were the properties of the General Proprietors, and if your Excellency can dispossess any proprietor of them, (for Thomas Gordon was a Prop^r^) and put them into the hands of another, you may by the Same Rate Dispossess any one of their Goods and give them to who You think fitt, and any proprietor of their Property and give it to which of the proprietors you think fitt, as is actually done by your Excellency in the Case of Sonmans, and was attempted with the Same Violence in favour of m^r^ Bass, It will not be a Sufficient answer to this to Say Sonmans was Proprietors Agent which whether he was or not your Excellency had no right to Determine, to any other purpose but administering

tering an Oath to him, after which he was of Course to be allowed, and So ought as many agents as the proprietors Made, who were not accountable to your Excellency for any procedures in the proprietors affairs y^{t} were not unlawfull.

5^{ly} Sonmans neither had nor pretended to have at that time (whatever he has done Since) any Right or Collour of Right to be the Proprietors Recorder not any mention being made of it, in that very lame Commission he had, and were he to have the top of his pretences it would but to be Deputy to a person in England, and whether he has a Right or not is a great question, and Regularly only determinable at the Common Law; but your Excellency's Shorter Methods of procedure Saves disputes of that kind; if this be acting according to Establisht and known laws, not Repugnant to, but as agreable as may be to the Laws of England, If this be administering those laws for the Preservation and protection of the people, we would be very gladly Informed what perverting them can be. As to the matter of fact we aver it to be truth, that m^{r} Sonmans did not Reside in the province, had not given Security for the keeping of those Records, as by the Queen is positively directed. They were carried out of the Eastern division and were produced at the Supream Court at Burlington at the time of our Complaint, Those things and that Gen^{t} Character are So well known that it's needless to offer anything Else in Justification of that Reasonable request we made that they might be so kept as her Majesty's Subjects might have recourse to them, and in the hands of Such of whose fidelity there is no reason to doubt.

These, may it please your Excellency, were the grievances we Complain'd of, and they were but a Small number of many we Could with Equall Justice Remonstrate, and which notwithstanding those Soft Cool and Considerate termes of false Scandalous & Malicious and other bitter Invectives which your Excellency So often uses to the Representative body of a Country, we are Still of opinion they are not Imaginary but Reall Grievances, not false but God knows too true, & which it was our Duty in Discharge of the trust reposed in us to gett Redrest.

Our Sad Experience has Convinct us that our Endeavours have not mett with Success answerable to what might Reasonably be our Expectations, and that Instead of Redressing the Grievances of the Country their Number is Increast.

Before we Enumerated those Grievances of an higher Nature and attended with worse Consequences we first Said the treatment the people of New Jersey had received, was very different from what they had reason to Expect, under the government of

of a Queen deservedly famous for her Just, Equall and mild administration; that the hardships they Endured were not owing to her Majesty, who they were well assured would by no means make any of her Subjects Miserable nor Continue their misfortunes were She acquainted with them, and in her power to give them Relieſe, but that the oppressions they Groan'd under were the unkind Effects of mistaken power, and what these Effects were and who the Cause of them we proceed to Shew, and if the Instances we there give be true, It will there appear to the world that the Expressions we have used are the Softest could be Chosen and very farr Short of what the nature of the thing Could beare, and that these bold accusers are a Sort of Creatures Called honest men, Just to the trust Reposed in them by their Country, who will not Suffer their Liberties and properties to be torne from them by any man how Great Soever if they can hinder it. And that the reasonableness of our Complaints may appeare the plainer, we Shall Consider what your Excellency has Said in answer, and leave it to our Superiors & to all Just and Impartiall men, whether we are not a people the most abused of any of her Majesty's Subjects.

As to the First Instance, your Excellency does acknowledge the first to be true and Offers the following reasons to Justifie your Conduct to the Councill of Proprietors; The first is, That by her Majesties directions you are to allow of all Such Agents as the Generall Proprietors Shall appoint, Such Agents Qualifying themselves by taking Such oaths as the Queen is pleased to direct and no others; that no persons under the name of a Councill of Proprietors have ever tendered y^{m}selves to take Such oaths, Consequently they are not Capable of acting as agents.

That the Councill of Proprietors are a people pretending to act by a power Derived from Certaine persons who have now Power to Grant, and that this is a truth (viz^{t}) That they are a people pretending to act by a power derived from Certaine persons who had no power to Grant) your Excellency is Satisfied besides other reasons by this in perticular that the Assembly have voted to put the Records into the hands of Peter Sonmans to be a Grievance, whereas their not Qualifying themselves is a Greater Grievance. To Sett this matter in a true light it will not be Improper to produce the words of the Instructions, which are as follows, You are to permitt the Surveyors and other persons appointed by y^{e} forementioned Generall proprietors of the soyle of that Province for Surveying and Recording

Recording the Surveys of Lands Granted and held of them to Execute accordingly their Respective trusts. &

You are likewise to permitt, and if need be to aid & assist Such other agent or agents, as Shall be appointed by the s^{d} proprietors for that End to Collect and Receive the Quitt rents which are or Shall be due unto them from the particular possession of any tract or parcell of Land, from time to time, provided allways that Such Surveyors, Agents or other officers appointed by the s^{d}. Generall Proprietors, doe not only take proper Oaths for the due Execution and Performance of their Respective offices and Employments, and give good & Sufficient Security for their so doing, but that they Likewise take the Oaths appointed by act of Parlament to be taken, Instead of the Oaths of aleigence and Supremacy, as allso the test and Subscribe the forementioned association, all which you are accordingly to Require of them, and not otherwise to admitt any person into any Such office or Employment. After the Proprietors had Surrendered their power of Goverment relating their Soyle they were under a necessity of Employing persons to Survey and Record the Surveys of Land granted by and held of them, and in the Eastern Division Severall Quittrents being due to them there was a necessity of having one or more ageuts to Collect and receive those rents, w^{ch} persons (because the Crown Intended that the proprietors by the Surrender of their Goverment should by no means be Insecure in their properties) your Excellency was directed not only to permit such officers to be and Execute their Respective trusts, but also to aid and assist them if need were, and because Such offices were places of trust both with Respect to the proprietors and the Inhabitants, it was directed that they Should take proper oaths, and give good and Sufficient Security, and that they who Enjoyed those places of trust Might be persons well affected to the present Goverment there was Especiall care taken to direct that they Should take the oaths appointed by act of Parlament, to be taken, which your Excellency was to Require of them, and not otherwise to admit them to Execute those trusts, from all which we observe, first, That no agents are Concerned in that Instruction, but Such as were to Survey and Record the Survey's of land and Collect the Quittrents—

2^{dly} That the Proprietors were not limited to Employ a Certain Number of agents, but might Employ as many as they thought fitt, all which your Excellency was to aid and assist if need were.

3^{ly} Your Excell was not to Expect while they tendered y^{m}-Selves

Selves to take the oaths appointed, but to Require them to take them, and upon their Refusall not to admitt them for it was Impossible they or any else Should deem themselves bound by the Queen's Instructions to Certain performances Except Such Instruction had bin made Publique and they made acquainted with it. Now in the first place your Excell never publisht any Such Instruction, nor ever did require those agents called the Councill of Proprietors to comply with it by taking any Oaths.

2^{dly} The Councill of proprietors are not Such agents as the Instructions Mention

3^{ly} Were that Instruction binding your Excell has by noe means Comply'd with it, for the Surveyor appointed by the proprietors of the Western Division, has Severall times tendered himselfe to take and Subscribe according to her Maj^{ty} directions and have bin Refused.

4^{thly} M^{r} Sonmans tho a Bankrupt and his powers disputed, admitted to keep the Records of the Eastern Division, & that without any Security, and persons who were Sworne to those places and Employed by proprietors & a greater Number not only not permitted to act but deprived of their places, (with which your Lordship has nothing to doe) without a due Course of law forcibly by your Lordship's directions. Lastly the Councill of Proprietors are attorneys to Private men for the taking care of their Severall properties, and are neither concerned in that Instruction nor bound by it—If they were we Shall not dispute how farr that Instruction may be a law to your Lordship, but we are Sure 'tis So to no body Else, but where the laws of the land bind without it, & if So 'tis no Sufficient warrant to destroy any man's property, or deprive him of the use of it, without the Judgment of his peers, for your Lordship cannot but know, if you doe not, the last Clause of the petition of Right will tell you, That the Queen's Servants are to Serve her according to law, and not otherwise and Every Gentleman of the Law can Informe your Excell if he pleased that the Queen's Authority or warrant product (if you had done any Such thing) cannot Justifie the Commission of an unlawful act, which this Certainly must be, Except the law provides that no man must make an attorney but with your Lordship's approbation. As to the Second reason, to use your Excell^{ys} Expressions, if we could wonder at anything your Excell has don, it would be at the reason your Excell gives as much as at the action, it being the plain pretending to a Right of Judging Solely who have a Right to their Estates, and who not, and according to that Judgm^{t} to permitt them to Retaine

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or force them to part with their possessions, for in the first place that matter never was brought before your Lordship, and what Information you had (if you had any) was private; and we are told no freeman can be disposest of his freehold but by Judgment of his Peers, or the Law of the Land, but here is at once a determination that a Number of Proprietors nigh or above 9|10 of the whole have no right to Grant, and accordingly they are prohibited taking up or disposing of their lands—, for the Council of Proprietors are all proprietors themselves, Except M^r^ Morris their President, and we can't see but any freeman or number of freemen in the province may be disposest by the Same measures, For 'tis but your Lordships saying, the Persons they had their lands from had no right to grant, and then order the possessors to make no farther Improvement, nor to dispose of any of their Lands, and thus Conclude them without the tedious formality of the old Magna Charta way, and who is hardy enough to dispute with a man that Commands two provinces.

2^dly^ What your Excellency Asserts with relation to the Councill of Proprietors vizt that they were persons deriving a power from those who had no right to grant, is what y^r^ Exce^ll^ neither did nor could know, that you did not know it, nothing is more plaine, because your Excellency Some days after your Lordship's answer to our Remonstrance, Summon'd Some of the Councill of Proprietors before y^r^selfe in Councill and there asked them the following questions, (vizt) first, who the late Councill of Proprietors were,

Secondly, who were the Present Councill of Proprietors,

thirdly, who they derived their powers from.

fourthly what their powers were—

by which it appears your Excellency neither knew who the Councill of Proprietors were, what their powers were, nor who they derived them from, which is very far from knowing whether the persons who gave them those powers, had power to grant or not, and that your Excell could not know is plain, because the deeds of what proprietors are in this Country you never did See, and those that are in England you could not See.

How your Excell is from our voting the putting the Records into m^r^ Sanmans hands, to be a grievance, Sattisfied that the persons from whome the Councill of proprietors derive their power have no power to grant is very much beyond our poor Capacities to understand—and may perhaps be of the number of these unanswerable objections your Lordship tells us of in your answer to the next Clause—your Lordship Justifies your Proceedings

Proceedings with the assembly men as being your Duty, and that what you did was by virtue of the Queen's Instructions, how farr they will Justifie your Excellency's Conduct is our next business to Speak to, but in the first place We are obliged to your Excell for acknowledging the matter of fact, which tho notoriously known was omitted to be entered in the Journalls of this House by your Excellency's faithful Servant Mr Wm Anderson late Clerke of this House.

By the Queen's Instructions not the least Collour of authority is Given to your Excellency, to be a Judge of the Qualifications of assembly men, so as to admitt or Reject them, which is not only a direct Contradiction to the very nature & being of assemblys, but must render the Lyberties lives & properties of the people Entirely at your Excell disposall, which as her Majesty never Intendid So without doubt She never did Intend by any Instructions to make So precarious, and how well She'l be pleased at wresting her Instructions to authorise what we are well Sattisfied She will be very farr from countinancing, time may Informe us. This House Could not be So much wanting to themselves and the province they Represent, as to Omitt taking notice of a procedure, which tends to destroy the very being of assemblys, by rendering them the tools of a Governours arbitrary Pleasure, and the Enemies instead of the preservers of the Liberties of their Country, and we are well assured that nothing your Excell has Said, will persuade the world to believe that your Excell or any other Governour has that power you pretend to, or that it can be Consistent with the Liberties of a free people.

That there were Considerable Sums of Money raised, that most of them were raised with Intent and purpose to give to your Lordship, to procure the dissolution of the last assembly and procure such officers as the Contributors Should approve of. That in all probability the money So raised was given to your Lordship, That the assembly was dissolved, That the Contributors were Complyed with, as far as Could be; That you did receive from Doctor John Johnstone two hundred pounds upon the Score of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, are Such Notorious truths, that its a vanity to deny them, and will be believed notwithstanding all the force of Evasive artes to persuade the Contrary, and Since we have mentioned Dr Johnstone its not amiss to Enquire whether the Services you were to doe the Proprietors were Such as your Lordship ought or ought not to have don; If they were Such as you ought to have done, you ought not to have taken money for the doing of them, if they were

were such as you ought not to have done, much less ought your Lordship to have taken money and had you not been more than ordinarily concerned in those Private Contributions without all peradventure would have used all possible Endeavours to have detected the thing and not given those publique marks of your Favour to the persons most Concerned in the persuading and procuring of them.

As to what relates to the assembly, as your Lordship is not accountable to this house for what reasons you dissolved them, So neither is this house to your Lordship for their proceedings, they acted as became a house of Representatives in the affair of m^r^ Gordon, and what they did was not w^th^out your Lordship's Approbation if that Could add anything to the power they had, As to your Excell Reflections on Private men, tis below the Representative body of a Province to take any further notice of them than to doe that Justice to the two worthy Members of this house as to Say they both have and deserve better Characters than your Excell^cy^ gives them; and that the humblest application you can make to her Majesty, will never Induce her to grant you a power to use any means to procure a Satisfaction but w^t^ the Laws allow of without Such application; We Concluded by acquainting your Excellency that the way to Engage the affections of a people was to let them be Unmolested in the quiet Enjoyment of those things which belonged to them of right, and Should have dated our happiness from your Excellency's Complying with So reasonable and Just a desire, to which your Excellency Reply'd that you Could never answer taking advice From men who did not know how to Govern themselves, and who have allways opposed the Service of the Queen and Interest and good of their Country, we Shall have the admirable Coolness of Temper, and Considerateness of the Reflection and Say your Excell^y^ could hardly have used plainer terms to tell us you will not let us be quiett in the Enjoyment of what belongs to us of right, and your Excellencys proceeding Since that, has Effectually convinct the world that we have not put a wrong Construction to your Excell^ys^ Expressions.

Are not her Majesties loyall Subjects hall'd to Jayles and there lay without being admitted to bayle, and those that are the Conditions of their Recognisances are that if your Excellency approves not of their being bayl'd they shall return to their prisons; Severall of her Majesty's good Subjects forced to abscond and leave their Habitations being Threatened with Imprisonment & no hopes of Receiving the benefitt of the law, when your Excellency's absolute will is the Sole measure of it,

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one Minister of the Church of England drag'd by a sheriff from Burlington to Amboy, and there kept in Custody without assigning any Reason for it, and at last hall'd by force into a boat by your Excellency, and Transported like a Malefactor into another Government, and there kept in a Garrison a Prisoner, and no Reason assigned for these violent proceedures but your Excellency's pleasure; Another Minister of the Church lay'd under a necessity of leaving the province From the Reasonable apprehensions of meeting with the Same treatment, No orders of men, either Sacred or Civill, Secure in their lives, their liberties or Estates and where these Proceedures will end God only knows.

If these and what we have named before be acts of Mercy Gentleness and good Nature, if this be doing for the good, wellfare and prosperity of the people of this Province, if this be y^e^ administering laws for the Protection and preservation of her Maj^ties^ Subjects, then we have bin the most Mistaken men in the World, and have had the Falsest notions of things, calling that Cruelty, oppression & Injustice which are their direct opposites, and those things Slavery Imprisonment and hardship which are Freedom liberty and ease, and must henceforth take France, Denmarke, the Muscovian, ottoman and Eastern Empires to be the best modells of a gentle and happy Government.

Your Excell at last Endeavours to persuade the Country that the assembly Instead of protecting are Invading the Liberties of the people; and if we might have Liberty of using Some of your Excellency's Cool and Considerate terms, perhaps the following Instances might Justifie those Expressions, but we leave that to Just & Impartial men, who no doubt will apply them where they are most due.

Your Excellency asserts in the first place; you have presumed to take the Queen's Subjects into the Custody of the Sergeant at arms, who are not members of your House which you can't lawfully doe, and is a notorious Violation of the Liberties of the people, Ans; There is nothing more known than that the Contrary to what your Excell^y^ Says is true and hardly a Session of Parlament but affords multitude of Instances of it, nay Severall Instances can be produced during the time of your Excellency's being in the House of Commons, and what your Excellency means by asserting a thing which every body that knows anything knows is not So we can't tell. Secondly. You have taken upon you to administer an oath of one of your Members, and have expell'd him from the house for Refusing to take an oath which you could not legally administer

minister to him, this is most certainly robbing that member of his property, and a more notorious assuming to yourselves a negative voice to the Freeholder's Election of their Representatives for which there can be no precedent found,—Ans—We never did administer an oath—(tho' we think we have power so to doe) what Oaths were administered, were administered by Justices of the peace before us, We expelled that member for Severall Contempts, for which we are not accountable to your Excell Nor no body Else in this Province, We might lawfully Expell him, and if we had So thought fitt might have Render'd him Incapable of ever Sitting in this House, and of this many precedents may be Produced.

We are the freeholders Representatives and how its Possible we Should assume a Negative Voice at the Election of our Selves is what wants a little Explanation to make it Intelligible.

Thirdly—You have arbitrarily taken upon you to Command the High Sheriff of this County to discharge a prisoner, who was in his Custody at the Suit of one of the Queen's Subjects, and he has bin weake Enough to doe it, for which he lyes to be Sued for an Escape whenever the Gentlemen thinks fitt to doe it, and from which you can't protect him, this is a notorious violation of the Rights of the Subjects, and a manifest Interruption of Justice—ans—The person we ordered to be discharged was an Evidence attending by order of this House and under the protection of this House, who were only wanting to themSelves in not Sending the High Sheriff and Lawers to the Same place for daring to offer So publique an affront to the Representative body of a Country.

fourthly You have taken upon you to appoint one of your Members to act as Clerke of the Committee of the whole House which you have no power to doe &c,

Ans—Your Excell has been so very much mistaken in all the foregoing Clauses that we have Great Reasons to believe you are So in this—This House has allways till of late made their own Clerks, and your Excellency cannot Shew us any law why we may not doe it still, Should we think fitt to Insist on it, we have made no Incroachment on her Majesties prorogative Royall Nor never Intend to doe it. but Shall to our utmost, Study to Preserve it, and honourably Support her Government over us; and hope your Excellency will think it for the Service of the Queen, to Comply with our reasonable desires which will very much Encourage us So to doe.

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Divers of the members of this assembly being of the people Called Quakers doe assent to the Matter & Substance but make Some Exceptions to the Stile.

By order of the House
P. M. Die Veneris
24° Oct^b 1.707

SAM^ll JENNINGS
Speaker

The House adjurned till fryday morning 10 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M.
31^st Oct^ls 1.707

M^r Gardner one of the members appointed for Revising the Laws formerly in force in this Province, and the Laws of England as allso for preparing and bringing in a Bill for the Settling the Rights and properties of the Proprietors, Reported, That according to the order of this House the s^d Committee Sent to the Secretary for the former Laws of Each Division of this Province, and that he Sent word they were delivered him by his Excell and Could not part with them without his Order; upon which the Said Committee Required his attendance, to which he answered he expected the Councill to Sitt and that he was obliged to Give his attendance there; for which Reasons the Said Committee Could not proceed in the Matters to them Referred.

A Bill Entituled an act for Regulating of Jurors within the province Was Read the Third time.

Ordered said Bill pass.

Motion was made that this House would take into Consideration a Certaine printed paper Entituled forget and forgive—

The Clerke of the Councill acquainted the Speaker, his Excell Required the attendance of the House Imediately.

The House Resolved into a Grand Committee of the Whole House to Consider of the above mentioned print and after Some Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chair and M^r Lewis Morris Reported from s^d Committee that they had Resolved that the Printed paper Entituled Forget and forgive the best Interest of New Jersey is not a Scandalous and Seditious Lybell, nor Reflective on the Government.

Motion being made and the Question put whether the House did agree to the Resolve of the Committee

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It past in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

The Clerke of the Councill acquainted the Speaker his Lordship Required the attendance of House Immediately

m^r^ Speaker with the H^s^ went to attend his Lordship—

His Lordship was pleased to adjurn the assembly to the Second day of April next.

Minutes of the House of Representatives of the Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey in the Third Sitting of the first Sessions of the Third assembly begun at Burlington the fifth day of May in the Seventh yeare of her Majesties Reigne Annoq Dom: 1.708—

DIE MERCURII A M. 5° Maji 1.708

His Lordship was pleased to adjurn the assembly till tomorrow Morning at Eleven a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 6° Maji 1.708

The House mett and a Message from his Excellency by the Clerke of the Councill acquainting the House his Excellency Required their attendance, they waited on his Excell accordingly, and Enformed his Excellency that the Speaker was at present Indisposed and prayed his Excellency would adjurn the house till Monday Next upon Which his Excellency was pleased to adjurn the Assembly till Monday next.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 10° Maji 1.708

The House waited on his Excellency and Informed his Lordship, the Speaker was So Indisposed he was not Capable of attending the House and pray'd his Lordship's Directions. His Lordship ordered them to Repaire to the House and Choose another Speaker and present him to his Lordship at five a Clock this afternoon, if they Could make Choyse Soon Enough other wise at eight a Clock tomorrow Morning.

The House Returned and proceeded to the Choyse of a Speaker and accordingly did Choose Thomas Gordon Esq[r] their Speaker and Conduct him to and place him in the Chair.

The House went to attend his Excellency and acquainted his Excellency they had Chosen Thomas Gordon Esq[r] their Speaker,

er, who his Excell was pleased to approve of and further Required their attendance att eight a Clock tomorrow Morning.

The House adjurned till 8 aClock tomorrow morning.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 11° Maji, 1.708

The House mett according to adjournment.

M^r^ Speaker left the Chair and with the house went to attend his Excellency, and being Returned M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chair and acquainted the House his Excell was pleased to make them a Speech, and had given a Coppy of the Same; which was laid upon the Clerk's Table—

Ordered the Same be Read presently, which was accordingly Read in these words vizt

Gentlemen,

The great Desire I have to See the Service of the Queen and the good of this province carryed on, Supported and provided for, as they ought to be, is the Cause of my giving you this oppertunity of Meeting, to prepare Such Bills to be past into Laws, as may be proper for the Support of her most Sacred Majesty's Government and the peace, Quiet, Happiness and wellfare of your Country; Therefore that I may not be wanting in my duty in the Station the Queen has been pleased to honour me with, I Shall put you in mind of those things, which I think ought to be Imediately provided for—the first of which is the providing a Revenue for the Support of the Government the Revenue which the Queen Expects is fifteen hundred pounds a yeare for one and twenty years, the next thing I Shall Recommend to your Care is the Reviving or Reenacting the Militia Bill Which will Expire with the End of this Sessions; I have Every Sessions Since I have had the Honour to Serve our Most Gracious Sovereign in this Government put you in mind (by her Majesty's Express Commands) of passing a Bill or bills for the Confirming the Right and property of the Soyl of this Province to the Generall Proprietors according to their Respective Rights and Titles and likewise to Confirm and Settle the particular Titles and Estates of all the Inhabitants of this Province and other purchasers Claiming under the proprietors, I am Still of opinion that Such a Bill or Bills will best Conduce to the Improvement of this province, as well as to the peace and Quiet of it; I did likewise last yeare recommend to you the passing of bills for the Erecting

Erecting and Repairing Prisons and Court Houses in the Severall County's of this Province and the building of Bridges in those places where they are wanting, and which will never be well don, but by a Generall Tax for that purpose; Very late Experience has taught us how necessary it is to pass a Law for the Settling the qualifications of persons to Serve upon Jury's, Therefore I hope you will take care to prepare Such bills to be past into Laws this Sessions as will answer the purposes afore mentioned. I cant Conclude without again putting you in mind of Revising the acts of Assembly passed in the time of the Proprietory Government; that if any of them may be Reenacted in order to be humbly Represented to her Majesty for her Royall Approbation; If anything Else occur to you fit to be provided for by a law, you Shall allways find me Ready to Consent to anything that may be for the Service of the Queen and the Reall good and advantage of the Country.

Resolved that the house will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole house at two a Clock in the afternoon to Consider of his Excellency's Speech.

Ordered that all the Members of this house attend the Service of the house at two a Clock in the afternoon.

The House adjurned till two a Clock in y^e^ afternoon.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The house according to Order Resolved into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider of his Excell Speech and after Some time Spent therein M^r^ Speaker Resumed The Chaire and Cap^t^ Farmer Reported from Said Committee that they had made Some progress in the Matter to them Refered, and that he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sitt againe at tenn a Clock tomorrow morning.

Resolved That the house will Resolve itselfe into a Committee of the whole House at tenn a Clock tomorrow morning to Consider farther of his Excell Speech.

The House adjurned till tomorrow morning 10 a Clo.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 12° Maji 1.708

The House according to Order Resolved into a Grand Committee of the whole House to Consider Farther of his Excell Speech and after Some time Spent therein M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Cap^t^ Farmer Reported from Said Committee that they had Considered his Lordship's Speech in all its parts and

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and had Drawn up an answer to the Same which they directed him to Report to the House.

Ordered Said answer be Read presently which was Read accordingly.

Motion being made and the question put, whether the answer to His Excell Speech Should pass as it was last Read in the house, It past in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

The House adjurned till 2 h^a P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered that M^r Machilsen and M^r Price wait on his Lordship to know when his Lordship will be pleased to be waited on by the House with an Answer to his Lordship's Speech.

M^r Price Reported that M^r Machilsen and himselfe had waited on his Lordship with the above Message and that his Lordship appointed the house do attend him at five a Clock in the afternoon.

A Letter from Cap^t Parker making his Excuse for not attending the House was Read,and Refered to farther Consideration.

M^r Speaker with the house went to attend his Lordship with their answer and Read and Delivered the Same to his Lordship

and is as follows—

May it please your Excelleucy,

We the Representatives of this her Majesties Province of New Jersey in Generall assembly met and assembled doe with Loyall hearts and willing minds Imbrace this opportunity to testifie how ready and desirous we are, as we allways have bin to maintaine and Support her most Sacred Majesty's Government over us, to the uttermost of our poor abilities, and we are heartily Sorry that any misunderstanding has happened between your Excellency and us, We Indeed about a yeare agoe humbly Represented to your Excell Some of those many Grievances our Country then labour'd under, Most of which doe yet Remain, and we are very Sorry we are forced to Say that they have and doe Still dayly Increas ; we find her Majesties good Subjects of this province have and dayly are prosecuted upon Informations, upon very frivolus pretency a method which renders that Excellent and happy Constitution of Grand Jury's useless—and if Continued put it in the power of an Attorney

torney Generall to raise his fortunes upon the Ruins of our Country.

We find its a great Charge to our Country that Jurys and Evidences are brought from the Remotest parts of the province to the Supream Courts of Burlington and Amboy. We find it's a Great Grievance to our Country that the practice of the law is So precarious that then Innocent persons are prosecuted upon Information and actions brought by Some persons against severall of her Majesties good Subjects, the Gentlemen who are Licensed to practice the Law are afraid to appeare for the Defendants; or if they doe appeare dare not discharge their Duty to their Clyants for feare of being Suspended without being Convict of any Cryme deserving it, or Reason assigned as was don at Burlington in may last, to the Damage of many of her Majesty's good Subjects.

We find the Representatives of this her Majesties Province So Slighted and their Commands So little Regarded, that the Clerk of the Crown has Refused to Issue out a writt for the Electing a member wanting in our House; We hope your Excellency will Consider and Remove these and many Other Inconveniences and Grievances which this your Province labours under, which will Enable us to Exert the utmost of our Abilities in Supporting her Majesties Government, and will make us happy under the mild and meek administration of the greatest and most Glorious of Queen's—we Doubt not were her Majesty Rightly Informed of the poverty and Circumstances of our Country and that our Livelihoods depends upon the Seasons of the yeare, our most Gracious Sovereigne would pitty our Condition and never Expect the Settlement of any Support of the Goverm^{t} further than from yeare to yeare.

We find the present Militia bill So great a Grievance to our Country that we can never think of Reviving or Reenacting it as it is, tho' we are heartily Willing to provide for the Defence of our Country, which we hope may be don with greater Ease to the people. We have bin and Still are Indeavouring to answer her Majesty's Commands in Confirming the Right and Property of the Soyle of this Province to the Generall Proprietors thereof according to their Respective Rights and titles and likewise to Confirm and Settle the particular Titles and Estates of all the Inhabitants of this Province, and other purchasers Claiming under the proprietors, but tho' we have had Severall oppertunities of Meeting in Generall assembly yet have not had an opportunity to perfect it.

We humbly acknowledge your Excell favour in puting us in Mind

Mind of providing Prisons Court houses and Bridges, where Such are wanting which we Shall take into Consideration.

We had a Bill for Settling the Qualifications of Jurys prepared last Sitting at amboy and Shall now present it.

We can't omit Rendering your Excellency our hearty thanks for minding us of Revising of our former laws—We had last Siting at Amboy appointed a Comitte for that End, but were Impeded by m^{r} Bass the Secretary's positive refusing to let us have the perusall of them.

As we have always used our utmost Endeavours in the faithfull Service of our Queen and the advancement of the Good and benefitt of our Country, So we Shall Still Continue to do the Same with all the Dispatch we are Capable of.

Divers of the members of this assembly being of the people called Quakers, doe assent to the matter and Substance but make Some Exceptions to the Stile

By order of the House
Die Mercurii A. M.
12° Maji 1.708

Thomas Gordon
Speaker

His Lordship was pleased to adjurn the assembly to the Third Tewsday in September next, to meet at Amboy—

FOURTH ASSEMBLY.

Journal and Votes of the House of Representatives for the Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey in their first Sitting of their first Sessions of their fourth assembly Begun att Perth Amboy the third day of March in the Seventh yeare of her Majesties Reigne Annoq Dom 1.708.

LORD LOVELACE Governor.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 3° Mar ^is^ 1.708

Pursuant to his Excellency's writts for Choosing Members to meet in generall assembly for the province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey the following Members vizt

Thomas Gordon, Thomas Farmer, Elisha Parker, John Royse, John Harrison, Benjamin Lyon, Gershom Mott, & Elisha Lawrence Esq^rs^ for the Eastern Division ;

Thomas Gardner, Thomas Rossier, Hugh Sharp, Nathaniell Crips, John Kay, John Kaigin, Richard Johnson, Nathaniell Breading, Hugh Middleton, and John Lewis Esq^rs^ for the Western Division, were Returned as Representatives and being Duly Sworn and attessted according to the Stat. in that Case made and Provided, They did Repaire to the House according His Excellency's Directions and there did unanimously Choose Thomas Gordon Esqr their Speaker and did Conduct him to and place him in the Chaire accordingly and then

The House adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 a Clock.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 4 Martii 1.708

Ordered that Cap^{t} Farmer and Cap^{t} Parker wait on his Excellency to know when the house Should attend his Excellency.

Cap^{t} Farmer Reported that Cap^{t} Parker and himselfe had waited on his Excell, and that his Excell Said when the Councill were met he would give the House Notice.

A Message from His Excell by the Ck of the Councill Requiring the H^{s} to attend his Lord^{ps} Imediately in Councill. The House did attend his Excell Imediately and then did Receive from him the following Speech which was ordered to be Read Imediately and is as follows—

Gentlemen,

I am very Sensible of great Difficulties that do attend this Hon^{ble} Imployment, in which her Maj^{ties} hath been pleased to place me, the Govermn^{t} of this Province, but I hope you will never faile to assist me to Serve y^{e} Queen & her People here.

Her Maj^{tie} hath shewn in the whole course of Her Reign, a Reign glorious beyond Example, how much She aims at the Good & prosperity of her People, She hath with indefatigable pains united her two Kingdoms of Eng^{d} & Scotland, & She continues the same applicaon to Unite the minds of all her Subjects. This is her great care & ought to be that of those whom she Deputes to Govern these distant Provinces, which are not so happy by their Situation to be under her more immediate Goverm^{t}.

I cannot set before me a better Pattern, I shall endeavour therefore to recommend myself to you by following (as far as I am able) her example.

I persuade myself I shall not give you any just cause to be uneasy und^{r} my administration & I hope you will not be uneasie with one another, let past differences & Animosities be buried in Oblivion, & let us all seek the Peace & Welfare of Our Country.

Her Majestie would not be burdensome to her People, but there being an absolute necessity that y^{e} Goverm^{t} be Supported I am directed to recommend that matter to Y^{r} consideration, You know best w^{h} the province can conveniently raise for its Support & the easiest Methods of raising it.

There is another thing also will require yo^{r} consideration, the making a Law for the putting the Militia upon some better foot than

than it is at present wth as much Ease to the People as possible.

I shall only add that I shall always be ready to give my assent to w^{h}ever Laws you shall find necessary for promoting Religion & virtue for the Encouragm^{t} of Trade & industry, for the discouragem^{t} of vice & profaneness & for any other matter or thing relating to the good of the Province.

Ordered m^{r} Royse have leave to goe home he being Indisposed.

m^{r} Speaker Reported that he had on behalfe of the H^{s} desired his Lordship would Grant the usual and accustomed Rights and Privileges of the House which his Lordship was pleased to grant.

Ordered that Cap^{t} Farmer Cap^{t} Harrison, m^{r} Kinsey, m^{r} Gardner, m^{r} Kay, m^{r} Brading be Committee to draw up an address to his Excellency and present it to the House tomorrow Morning at tenn a Clock.

The H^{s} Resolved Itselfe into a Committee of the Whole House to Consider of what bills were proper to be brought in, for the benefitt of the Country and after Sometime Spent therein m^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire & m^{r} Thomas Gardner Reported from the Said Committee that they had made Some progress in the matters to them Referred and that he was Directed to move that they might have leave to Sett againe.

Resolved the house will Resolve Itselfe into a Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning at nine a Clock and then

The H^{s} adjourned till tomorrow morning Eight a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A.M. 5^{o} Ma^{r} 1708

Ordered the Clerk of the Crown Imediately attend this house with the Returns of the writts for Electing Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly of this Province, and that he bring with him the Rolls of Such of the Members of this House already Qualified.

The Clerk of the Crown attended accordingly.

Ordered That m^{r} Elisha Lawrence and m^{r} Benjamin Lyon attend the Governour and Councill with m^{r} John Treat one of the members Returned to Serve in this assembly for his taking the Oaths &c in order to his qualification.

The House according to order Resolved Itselfe into a Committee of the whole House, and after Some time Spent therein m^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and m^{r} Gardner Reported from the said Committee that they had made Some further progress

progress in the matters to them Referred and that he was Directed to move that they might have leave to Sett again.

Ordered the House will Resolve itselfe into a Committee of the whole House Munday Morning at tenn a Clock.

Mr Lawrence Reported that mr Lyon and himself had attended the Governour and Councill with mr Treat and that he had taken the oaths and Subscribed as the Law Directs.

Capt Farmer from the Committee for Drawing up an address to his Excellency Reported that they had Drawn up an address to his Excell which he laid on the Table—

Ordered the Same be Read Presently and was read accordingly.

Motion being made and the question put whether it Should pass as it was Last Read in the House—

It past in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

Ordered that Capt Harrison and mr Gardner wait on his Excellcy will be pleased the House Shall attend him with their address.

Mr Gardner Reported that Capt Harrison and himselfe had waited on his Excellency With the above message and that his Excell was pleased to appoint the house to attend him precisely at three a Clock in the afternoon; and then

The Hs adjourn'd till three a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei,

Mr Speaker left the Chaire and with the House went to attend his Excellcy and being Returned mr Speaker Reported that himselfe with the House had attended his Excell and Delivered their Humble address to him which his Excell was pleased to Receive very favourably— Which address is as follows.

May it please Yor Excellency—

We Esteem it a great happiness that her Majtie has placed a Person of so much temper & moderation over us, & make no Question Yr Excellency will Surmount every difficulty with Honour & Safety.

Her Majties Reigne will make a bright Leaf in history, and as it is the advantage of the present so 't will be the admiration of future ages, not more for her Success abroad than her Prudence at home, & tho' our distance has & may sometimes be disadvantageous to us, yet wee Experience the Effect of her Princely care, in putting an End to the worst Administration

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New Jersey Ever knew, by sending Yo^{r} Exce^{y} whose Administration must always be easie to her Maj^{ties} Subjects here & Satisfactory to yo^{r}Self whilst you follow so great and so good an example.

We have no Animosities with one another but firmly agree to do ourselves & Country Justice & persuade ourSelves none that deserve publick Censure will have Share in Yo^{r} Exce^{y} Esteem, but that wee Shall meet with a hearty Concurrence from you in all those measures that conduce too y^{e} Peace & Satisfaction.

Wee Shall contribute to the Support of her Maj^{ties} Goverm^{t} to the Utmost of o^{r} Abilities & most willingly so at a time when are free'd from bondage & Arbitrary Incroachments & are very much Satisfied that Vice & Immorality will meet with a different treatm^{t} from what it did & not receive the publick Countenance and approbation.

Wee do assure Yo^{r} Exce^{y} all Yo^{r} reasonable desires shall be commands to us, & that wee will Study to make yo^{r} Excelly^{s} Administration as easy & happy as we can to Y^{r} Excell and o^{r}selves.

DIE LUNAE A.M. 7^{o} Mar, 1.708

Ordered m^{r} Secretary Bass attend the House with the former Laws of both Divisions of this Province; Who attended accordingly.

M^{r} Speaker by order of the House asked m^{r} Secretary what he knew Concerning an address Said to be from the Lieut Governor and Councill to the Queen in the Late Gover^{t} and whether the Same was Entered in the Minutes of the Councill.

M^{r} Secretary answered that he had Seen an address Directed to the Queen, but knew not the Contents and that it was not Entered in the Councill Books—

The House according to Order Resolved itselfe into a Committee of the whole House and after Some time Spent therein m^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire and m^{r} Gardner Reported from the Said Committee that they had come to Several Resolves in the matters to them Refered which he Read in his place and Laid on the Clerk's Table, which were afterwards Read in the House and agreed to and are as follows vizt.

Resolved That a Bill be brought in for Support of the Government.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for ascertaining the valluation of Coyne.

Resolved That a Bill be brought in for Establishing of fees for all officers within this Province.

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Resolved That a Bill be brought in for ascertaining the Representative's Fees.

Resolved That a bill be brought in for Settling and Confirming all the Estates in this Province.

Resolved That a bill be brought in for ascertaining the boundaries of the Countys within this Province.

Motion being made and the Question put, whether a Bill Shall be brought in for prohibiting the Exportation of wheat to Commence Eighteen months hence

It past in the affirmative.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Regulating the office's of the Secretary and Clerk of the Supream Court.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for building Court Houses and Jayles where wanting—

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Regulating and lysencing Publick Houses.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Regulating the acknowledging and Recording of Deeds.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Regulating the practice of the Law in this province.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for preventing Swine Running at Large.

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Distroy of Wolves, &c

Resolved that a bill be brought in for Regulating the Qualifications of men to Serve as Jurys—

The House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house to Consider of ways and means for Raysing a Support of the Government and after Some time Spent therein m^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire and m^{r} Gardner Reported from the Said Committee, that they had made Some progress in the matters to them Refered and that he was directed to move that they might have leave to sett againe.

Ordered the house Resolve Itselfe into a Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning at nine a Clock.

Ordered the Secretary attend this house to morrow morning at Eight a Clock with the Record of his Excell Commission and then

The H^{s} adjurned till Eight a Clock tomorrow Morning.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 8° Mar 1.708

Ordered That the Sergeant at arms attending this House take into his Custody Cap^{t} William Morris and m^{r} Enoch Machilsen two members Returned to Serve in Gen^{l} Assembly of this Province

Province for not Giving their attendance on this house and bring them before this house forthwith.

The House according to Order Resolved Itselfe into a Committee of the whole House, and after Some time Spent therein m^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chaire and m^r^ Gardner Reported from the Said Committee that they had made Some further progress in the Matters to them Referred and that he was Directed to move that they might have to Sett againe.

Ordered That Cap^t^ Farmer, m^r^ Gardner, Capt Harrison, m^r^ Kay, m^r^ Middleton, m^r^ Brading and m^r^ Kinsey be a Committee to draw up an address to his Excell for procuring a Coppy of an address to the Queen Said to be made by the Lieut Governour and Councill in the Late Goverment, and that they be a Committee to prepare & bring in the Severall bills following vizt

A Bill for ascertaining the Valuation of Coyn

A Bill for ascertaining fees—

A Bill for ascertaining the Boundaries of Countys

A Bill for Regulating the offices of the Secretary and Clerk of the Supream Court.

Ordered the House Resolve itselfe into a Committee of the whole house tomorrow morning nine a Clock.

The H^s^ adjurn'd till tomorrow morning nine a Clock

DIE MERCURII A. M. 9 Mar 1.708

Cap^t^ Farmer from the Committee appointed For that purpose Reported that they had Drawn up an address to his Excellency which was Read and assented to by the House and is as follows—

May it please your Excellency—

This House being Credibly Informed that an address was Sent to her Majesty by the Lieutenant Governour and Councill in the yeare one thousand Seven hundred and Seven, a Coppy of which this house has hitherto In vaine Endeavoured to Obtaine, This House therefore humbly prays, that your Excellency would be pleased to take Such Measures as your Excellency Shall think fitt that a Coppy of the Said address may be laid before this House.

Ordered that Cap^t^ Farmer, m^r^ Treat, m^r^ Brading and m^r^ Kaighin wait on his Excellency with the above address, and that they attend his Excellency with m^r^ Morris and m^r^ Machil-

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sen two members Returned to Serve in this assembly for their qualifying themselves as the Law Directs.

Ordered that Cap^{t} Farmer m^{r} Sharp and m^{r} Crips be a Committee for preparing and bringing in a Bill for Destroying Wolves &c, and one Other for preventing the running at Large of Swine; and then

The H^{s} adjourn'd till three a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Cap^{t} Farmer Reported that m^{r} Treat, m^{r} Brading, m^{r} Kaighin and himselfe had waited on his Excell^{y} with the address of this house and that his Excellency had bin pleased to Send the house a Coppy of the Address to the Queen made by the Lieutenant Governour and Councill in the yeare 1.707 and further Reported that they had attended the Lieutenant Governour and Councill with m^{r} Morris and m^{r} Machilsen and they had taken the oaths and Subscribed as the Law Requires.

Ordered the Coppy of the address to the Queen above mentioned be Read, and was Read accordingly.

Resolved the house will Resolve itselfe into a Committee of the whole House Satturday next at tenn a Clock in the morning to Consider of the said address.

A Petition from John Pike to this House,

Ordered It lay on the Table for the perusall of the Members.

Motion being made and the Question put whether m^{r} Morris was Qualified to Sett in this House.

It past in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

The H^{s} adjourned till tomorrow morning nine a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 10^{o} Mar. 1.708

Cap^{t} Farmer From the Committee appointed for bringing in Severall Bills brought in a bill Entitled an act for Regulating the offices of the Secretary and Clerk of the Supream Court.

Ordered the Same be read presently and was Read accordingly—

Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow morning.

m^{r} Secretary according to order laid before this House the Record of his Excellency's Commission.

A Petition from the Persons Summoned to Serve on the Grand Enquest for the County of Middlesex was presented this House. Ordered the Same be read Presently which was Read accordingly.

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Motion being made & the question put whether Said Petition be taken into Consideration tomorrow morning. It past in the affermative.

The House Resolved Itselve into a Committee of the whole House and after Some time Spent therein m^r Speaker Resumed the Chaire and m^r Gardner Reported from the Said Committee that they had Read his Excell Commission for Governour of this Province and the Lieut Governour's Commission.

Ordered that the Said Commissions lay on the Table for farther perusall if occasion.

Ordered m^r Royse. m^r Jobnson, Cap^t Morris and m^r Lawrence be a Committee for preparing and bringing in a Bill for the Support of the Government for one yeare.

Ordered m^r Kaighin be joyned to the Committee for bringing in a bill for Distroying of Wolves &c,

The H^s adjourn'd till tomorrow morning nine a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 11 Martii 1.708

The Bill Entitled an act for Regulating the offices of Secretary and clerk of the Supream Court was Read the Second time and upon the question put was ordered to be Engrossed.

M^r Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill for the Regulating the Keeping of Swine within this province, and one other bill for the Distroying of Wolves, Panthers, Crows, and blackbirds, Which were Read and Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow morning.

Motion being made and the question put whether the petition from the persons Summoned to Serve on the Grand Enquest for the County of Middleton should be Refered to a Select Committee.

It past in the affirmative.

Ordered m^r Royse, m^r Morris, m^r Lawrence, m^r Treat, m^r Kay and m^r Brading be a Committee to Consider of the above Petition and that they have power to Send for Persons, Books Papers and Records ;—and that they make their Report next tewsday Morning.

Ordered the Petition from John Pike be Read, which Was Read accordingly.

Ordered the Consideration of the Said Petition be Refered till Wednesday morning next—

Ordered that Capt Parker, m^r Lyon, m^r Kaighin, m^r Mott and m^r Machilsen be a Committee for preparing and bringing in a bill for Building Common Jaols and Court houses—and one other bill for Regulating the qualification and Election of one

Members to Serve in the generall assembly of this province— one other bill for Regulating and Lycensing publick Houses, and one other Bill for the Keeping the Records of land in each County, and then

The H^{s} adjourn'd till three a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd. Diei

The House adjourn'd till nine a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 12° Mar 1.708

The Bill Entitled an act for Distroying Wolves, Panthers, Crows and Blackbirds Was Read the Second time and Committed.

The Bill Entitled an act for Regulating the keeping of Swine was Read the Second the Second time & Committed.

Capt Farmer brought in a Bill for Regulating and ascertaining the Valluation of Coyne which was Read & Ordered a Second Reading Monday Morning next.

The House according to Order Resolved Itselfe into a Committee of the whole house to Consider of the address to the Lieut Governour and Councill to the Queen in the yeare 1.707 and after Some time Spent therein

m^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire and m^{r} Gardner Reported from the Said Committee that they had Resolved that m^{r} Fanconnier Should be Sent for to attend this House in order to Testifie what he knows Concerning the Said address, and that an address be made by this house to the Lord Lovelace Desiring him to appoint a Time for the Gen^{t} who have Signed the above address to appear before his Excell for their making good their allegations, and that the Members of this house have leave to be present.

Upon the Question put whether the House did agree to the Resolves of the Committee

It past in the affirmative.

Ordered m^{r} Fanconnier Lay the Vouchers of his accounts of the last Revenue before this House.

Ordered That m^{r} Royse m^{r} Johnson Cap^{t} Morris be a Committee for Drawing up the address to his Excell.

The H^{s} adjourn'd till monday morning tenn a Clock.

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DIE LUNAE A. M. 14° Mar 1.708

The Bill Entitled an act for Regulating and ascertaining the Rates of Coyne was Read the Second time and Comitted to m^r Crips, m^r Sharp and m^r Rapier.

An address to his Excell Desiring his Excell to appoint a time for the Gen^t who had Signed the address to the Queen in the yeare 1.707 to attend his Excell to prove their allegations, was brought in by the Committee appointed for Drawing the Same and was twice Read in the House.

And upon the Question put, It past in the affirmative.

M^r Gershom Mott and m^r Elishua Lawrence desired their dissent from the Same might be Entred.

Ordered that m^r Lyon and m^r Lewis wait on His Excell to know when his Excellency will please to be attended with an address from this House, and then

The H^s adjourned till five a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

m^r Lewis Reported that m^r Lyon and himselfe had waited on his Excell to know when he would be pleased to be attended with an address from this house and that his Excell was pleased to appoint halfe an houre past five a Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered that Cap^t Farmer, Capt Harrison, m^r Machilsen m^r Rapier, m^r Kaighin, and m^r Lewis wait on his Excell with the Said address.

Cap^t Farmer Reported that Cap^t Harrison, m^r Machilsen, m^r Rapier, m^r Kaighin, m^r Lewis & himselfe had waited on his Excell with the address of this house, and that his Excell answered he Could not appoint a time for the Gen^t that Signed the address to the Queen to attend him 'till he had first apprised them with it, and that when there was a time appointed the House should be acquainted with it.

The Said address to his Excell is as follows viz—(3)

May it Please Yo^r Excellency

This House renders their humble & hearty thanks to Yo^r Lordsh for favouring us with a Copy of that Paper called the Address of the Lieut Gov^r & Council of New Jersey to her Majesty which wee conceive rather to be an Impeachment & lays the house und^r a necessity humbly to address Yo^r Excel

That

That you will be pleased to desire the Lieut Governor & all those Gents that Signed the s[d] Address to attend Yo[r] Excell at Such time as you think fitt to appoint to prove their Allegations contained in said Address—& that this house may have leave to be present, that Maj[ties] Dutifull Subjects of this Province may have an opportunity of making their just defence to clear themselves from Such Imputations.

The House adjournd till 8 a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 15° Mar 1.708

M[r] Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a bill Entitled an act for Regulating of ordinary's which was Read and

Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow morning.

The bill Entitled an act for preventing Swine Running at Large was ordered to be Engrost with the amendments.

The H[s] adjournd till two a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

M[r] Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill Entitled an act for acknowledging and Recording of Deeds within Each Respective County of this Province.

Which was Read and ordered a Second Reading tomorrow morning.

M[r] Royse from the Committee appointed to Consider of the Petition given in this house by the persons Summoned to Serve on the Grand Jury for the County of Middlesex, Reported that they had come to a Conclusion of the matter and was Ready to make Report when the house would be pleased to Receive It.

Ordered the Same be Reported tomorrow morning.

M[r] Cripps Reported from the Committee to whom the bill for the Regulating the Valluation of Coyn was Committed that they had gon thro' the Said Bill and had made Some Amendments thereto, which were Read and upon the question put were agreed to by the House.

Ordered the Said Bill be Engrossed.

M[r] Gardner from the Committee to whom the bill Entitled an act for Distroying of Wolves, Panthers, Crows and Blackbirds was Committed Reported That they had gon through the Said Bill, and had made Some amendments to the Same which

which he read in his place, and were afterwards Read in the House, and upon the question put ordered to be Engrost.

Mr Kaigin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill Entitled an Act for Regulating the Qualifications of Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly in this Province of New Jersey which was Read, and

Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow in the afternoon.

Mr Kinley by leave of the House brought in a bill for the Preservation of Deere, which was Read and Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow in the afternoon.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Eversham, Chester, &c Was Read.

Ordered the Consideration of the Said Petition be Refered till Satturday next.

The Hs adjurnd till tomorrow Morning nine a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 16° Mar 1.708

[The following Address should have been inserted in folio 173.]

To the Queen's most Excellt Majty

The humble address of the Lieut Governor & Councill of Nova Cesarea in America.

May it please Yor Majtie

Wee the Lieut Governor & Councill of Your Majties Province of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey having Seriously & deliberately taken into Consideration the proceedings of the present Assembly or Representative body of this Province thought ourselfs bound both in Duty & Conscience to Testifie to yor Majtie Our dislike & abhorrence of the Same being very Sensible that the unaccountable Humours and pernicious designs of some particular men have put them upon so many Irregularities with intention only to occasion Divisions & distractions, to the disturbance of the great & weighty Affairs, wch both yor Majties Honr & Dignity as well as the Peace & wellfare of the Country required. Their high encroachments upon yor Majties Prerogative Royal, Notorious violations of the Rights & Liberties of the Subjects, manifest Interruptions of Justice and most unmannerly Treatment of his Excel the Lord Cornbury, would have induced us sooner to have discharged or Duty to yor majty in

in giving a full Representation of the unhappy circumstances of this yo^{r} Maj^{ties} Province & Govermn^{t} had wee not been in hopes that his Excell the Lord Cornbury's full & ample answer to a most Scandalous Libel called the remonstrance of the Assembly of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey, which was delivered to the Governo^{r} by the Assembly at Burlington in May Last, would have opened the Eyes of the Assembly & brought them back to their reason & duty,—but finding that those few turbulent & uneasy Spirits in that Assembly have still been able to influence & amuse the judgment of many well meaning men, in that body, as appears by another late sandalous & infamous Libel called The Reply of the house of Representatives of the province of New Jersey to an answer made by his Ex^{y} Edw^{d} Viscount Cornbury Gov^{r} of the said province to the humble Remonstrance of the aforesaid House; We are now obliged humbly to represent to yo^{r} Maj^{ty} the true cause & w^{ch} wee conceive may be the remedy of those confusions.

The first is wholly owing to the Turbulent Factious Uneasy and Disloyal Principles of two men in that Assembly M^{r} Lewis Morris & Samuël Jennings a Quaker; Men notoriously known to be uneasie und^{r} all Governm^{t} Men never known to be consistent wth themselves, Men to whom all the Factions & confusions in the Governm^{t} of New Jersey & Pennsylvania for many years are wholly owing; Men that have had the confidence to declare in open Council, that Your Maj^{ties} Instructions to yo^{r} Governo^{r} in those Provinces shall not oblige or bind them nor will they be concluded by them further than they are warranted by the Law; of which also they will be the judges, & this is don by them (as we have all the reason in the world to believe) to encourage not only this Govermn^{t} But also the rest of Yo^{r} Govermn^{t} in America to throw off Yo^{r} Maj^{ties} Royal Prerogative, & consequently to involve all Yo^{r} Dominions in this part of the World & the honest, good and well meaning People in them, in Confusion, hoping thereby to obtain their wicked purposes.

The Remedy for all these Evils Wee, most humbly Propose is that Yo^{r} Maj^{ties} will most graciously please to Discountenance those wicked designing Men, & showe some dislike of this Assembly's proceedings, who are resolved neither to Support this Yo^{r} Maj^{ties} Government by a Revenue nor take care to defend it by Settling a Militia.

The last Libel called the Reply &c, came out so suddenly, that as yet we have not had time to answer in all its Particulars, but do assure Yo^{r} Maj^{tie} That it is for the most Part false in Fact & that part of it w^{ch} carrys any face of truth, they

they have been malicious & unjust in not mentioning the whole truth, which would have fully Justifyd My Lord Cornbury's Just conduct.

Thus having discharg'd this part of o^r^ Duty, which wee thought at present, incumbent upon us, Wee begg leave to assure Yo^r^ Maj^tie^ that whenever wee, Shall See the people of this province labour under anything like a Grievance wee shall according to o^r^ Duty immediately apply to the Gover^r^ w^th^ o^r^ best advice, for the Redress of it, & wee have no reason yet to doubt of a ready compliance in him. We shall not be particular in, but crave leave to refer to his Excel^cy's^ Representation of them to the R^t^ Hon^ble^ The Lord, Commiss^rs^ for Trade & Plantations.

The Strenuous asserting of Yo^r^ Maj^ties^ Prerogative Royal & Vindicating the houn^r^ of Yo^r^ Gov^r^ the Lord Cornbury will in o^r^ humble opinion be so absolutely necessary at this juncture that w^th^out yo^r^ so doing yo^r^ Maj^tie^ will find Yo^r^Self deceived either in Expectation of a Revenue for Support of the Govermn^t^ or Militia for its defence.

In hopes Yo^r^ Maj^ty^ will take these important things into consideration, & his Excel^y^ the Lord Cornbury with all the Members of Yo^r^ Maj^ties^ Council into Yo^r^ Royall favour & Protection Wee shall conclude w^th^ our most fervent Prayers to the Most high to lengthen Yo^r^ days and increase Yo^r^ Glories & that o^r^Selves in Particular & all others in General who reap the benefit of Yo^r^ Maj^ties^ most Gentle & happy Govermn^t^ may be & Ever continue the most Loyal & Dutiful of Subjects to the Most Glorious & best of Queens.

William Sanford, Daniel Leeds, William Pinhorne,
Robert Quarry, Thomas Revell, Richard Ingoldsby,
Daniel Cox, R. Mompesson,
Richard Townley.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 16° Martii 1.708

The Bill Entituled An Act for acknowledging & Recording of Deeds within Each Respective County of this Province was read the Second time And ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Ordinaries was read the Second time.

Ordered the said Bill be referred till further Consideration.

M^r^ Royse Reported from the Committee appointed to consider

sider of the petition from the persons Summoned to Serve on the Grand Inquest, for the County of Middlesex, that they had drawn up in Writing a report which he read in his place & laid upon the Clerk's Table.

Ordered that Cap^{t} Farmer, m^{r} Gardner, & Cap^{t} Morris be a Committee to draw up an Address to his Excellency upon the above Report.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled An Act for Settling and Regulating the offices of Secretary & Clerke of the Supream Court was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill do pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled An act for Regulating and ascertaining the valuation of Coyne was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill do pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled An Act for preventing of Swine running at large was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill pass.

Ordered Cap^{tn} Parker M^{r} Lewis & M^{r} Lawrence wait on the Councill with the above Bills for their Concurrence.

Ordered M^{r} Kinley, M^{r} Lyon, M^{r} Middleton & M^{r} Sharp be a Committee to prepare & bring in A Bill for the Relief of the Poor & Impowering Each County to Raise money for defraying their necessary publique Charges & for amendment to the act Relating to highways—

The A^{s} adjurnd till 3 h P. M.

P. M. Ejusd diei

The Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating the Qualification of Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly in this province of New Jersey was Read, the Second time And Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Preservation of Deer was read the Second time & upon the Question put was Rejected.

The Petition of John Pike was read.

Ordered the same lay upon the Clerks table for further Consideration—

A Bill Entituled an Act for Establishing fees was Read.

Ordered s^{d} bill be read again tomorrow.

Ordered M^{r} Kinghin & M^{r} Kaybell be a Committee for preparing & bringing in a Bill for Regulating the qualifications of Men to serve on Juries.

The h^{s} Adjourned till 9 h^{a} tomorrow morning.

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DIE JOVIS A. M. 17 Martii 1.708

The Bill Entituled An act for Establishing Fees was read the Second time & committed to Mr Kinghin, Mr Royse & Capt Parker.

Mr Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating the Qualifications of men to Serve on Jurys, which was read, And Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow.

The Hs adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The hs adjourned till tomorrow Nine a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A M 18 Martii 1.708

Mr Kinsey from the Committee appointed for the purpose brought in a Bill Entituled an Act for Dividing and Ascertaining the boundaries of all the Counties of this Province which was Read.

Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow.

Mr Kinsey by leave of the hs brought in A Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Judgments & Executions, which was read,

Ordered sd Bill be read again tomorrow.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for acknowledging & Recording Deeds within Each respective County of this Province was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating the Qualications of Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly in this Province of New Jersey was read the third time.

Ordered said Bill pass.

The Engrossed Bill'Entituled an Act for destroying of Wolves Panthers Crows & blackbirds was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill pass.

Ordered Mr Speaker Sign the above Bills, and that Mr Morris Mr Johnson & Mr Mott carry them up to the Governor & Councill for their Concurrence.

Ordered Capt Parker Capt Morris, Mr Breading, Mr Mott & Mr Laurence be a Committee for preparing and bringing in A Bill for Settling the Militia of this Province.

Mr Kinsey from the Committee appointed for that purpose Brought

Brought in a Bill Entituled An Act for the Reliefe of the poor which was read,

And Ordered a Second reading tomorrow

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating the Qualifications of Jurors in this Province was read the Second time.

Ordered s^{d} bill be Committed to M^{r} Kay & M^{r} Kaighin.

The H^{s} Adjourned till 3 h^{o} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei—

Cap^{t} Farmer from the Committee appointed for drawing up An Addreess to his Excell upon the report of the Committee appointed for taking into consideration the petition to this H^{s} from the P Sons Summoned to serve on the grand Inquest for the County of Middlesex, Reported they had drawn up an Address to his Excell^{y} which he delivered in to the H^{s} & was read & upon the Question put was agreed to by the House, and is as follows—

To the Hon^{ble} House of Representatives of Her Maj^{ties} Province of New Jersey now met & Assembled in Generall Assembly at Perth Amboy.

The petition of us under Subscribers Summoned to serve upon the Grand Inquest at her Maj^{ties} Court of Sessions, held for the County of Middlesex in s^{d} Province the Eighth day of this Instant March—

Humbly Sheweth,

That in Obedience to o^{r} duty & to manifest our readiness to Serve her Maj^{ty} & our Country wee did all appear at the opening of the said Court and answer each of us to our respective names as wee were called & did tender ourselves to take the accustomed oaths which have always been given to Grand Jurys, but before wee were permitted to take the s^{d} Oaths Peter Sonmons Esq^{r} President of the s^{d} Court would know (as he said) whether wee had taken some other oaths which he desired Jeremiah Bass Esqr Secretary of s^{d} Province to bring, But M^{r} Bass refusing he the s^{d} M^{r} Sonmons adjourned the Court till three of the clock in the afternoon.

Wee Yo^{r} Petit^{r} did continue o^{r} attendance in Expectation of the Courts Sitting till after Sunset & within night when wee were under a necessity of repairing to our respective homes; were

were not only the wants of our families obliged us, but that also the town being so crowded we could obtain no lodgings;— After the said Mr Sonmons knew that Yor peticr were dispersed, he called the Court by Candlelight & as wee are informed hath fined Each of Yor Petitrs in the Sum of thirteen Shills and four pence. Yor Petitcs doth further begg leave to inform this Honble House that as wee are Creditably informed the sd Mr Sonmons stands indicted at the last Supream Court of this Province for the crimes of Perjury & adultery, from whence we have reason to conjecture that he being conscious of his own guilt & being in terror of more indictmts, he tooke the method abovesd to frustrate the Grand Inquest proceeding as in Justice they ought.

Yor Petitr therefore humbly Pray this Honble House will take the Premises into Consideration & to take such methods as in Yor wisdome Shall think fitt, for reliefe of this County in Generall, & Yor petitior in Particular from such unprecedented procedures & unjust fines, and as in Duty bound

Yor Petitcs
Shall Ever Pray

Miles Forster,	Geo. Willoks
Samuel Dotte,	John Pike Junr
John Arnston,	John Molleson
Mathew Owen,	David Dunham
Isaac Smalley,	John Heard
Joseph Fitzrandolph,	John Islee
Peter Bargoun,	Jonathan Islee
Jeremiah Reader,	Thō Bloomfied.

Ordered Capt Farmer & Mr Gardner be a Committee for preparing and bringing in a Bill for preventing the Exportation of wheat & one other Bill for Regulating the practicing of the Law in this Province.

The House adjourn'd till 9 a Clock toMorrow Morning—

DIE SABBATI A. M. 19 March 1708.

Ordered That Capt Farmer, Mr Gardner, Mr Morris Mr Machilson, Mr Breading, Mr Johnson wait on his Excell with the Address of this House.

Capt Farmer brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating the practice of the Law & one other Bill for Regulating Attorneys at Law, which sd Bills were Read and Ordered a second Reading Monday next.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Dividing & ascertaining the boundaries

boundaries of all the Countys in this Province was read the Second time AND ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Reliefe of the poor was read the Second time & Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill for Regulating of Juries was read the Second time & Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled An Act for regulating Judgm^{ts} & Executions was read the Second time & Ordered to lay upon the table.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of Chester & Eversham &c was read.

Ordered the Consideration of said Petition be referrd till next Sitting at Burlington.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei—

M^{r} Royse from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill Entituled An Act for the Support of the Government for one year,

Which was Read,

Resolved The H^{s} will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole h^{s} Munday next at three a Clock for the farther ascertaining the Several Quotas & Sallaries therein mentioned.

The H^{s} adjourn'd till Munday 10 h^{o}.

DIE LUNAE 21 Martii 1.708

Ordered Capt Farmer & M^{r} Gardner Draw up an Address to his Excellency desiring his Excl^{y} to Command M^{r} Fanconnier Late Receiver Gen^{ll} of this Province to attend this H^{s} with his acco^{t} of the last Revenue & his vouchers to the Same & that upon his neglect or Refusall that his Securities bond may be put in Suit.

Ordered Cap^{t} Parker & M^{r} Middleton attend his Excell & Councill with M^{r} Sumers in order for his Qualifying himself to Sitt in this house.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating Attorneys at Law was read the Second time.

Ordered s^{d} bill be Committed to Cap^{t} Morris, Cap^{t} Harrison & M^{r} Sharp.

Cap^{t} Farmer Reported that M^{r} Gardner, M^{r} Morris, M^{r} Macleson M^{r} Breading, M^{r} Johnson & himself had waited on his Excell Saterday last with the address of this house.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating the Practice of the

the Law was read the Second time and Committed to Cap^{t} Morris Cap^{t} Harrison & M^{r} Sharpe.

Ordered the Clerk of the Crown attend this H^{os} at three a Clock in the afternoon with the Shrffes return of the Representatives for Cape May County.

Cap^{t} Parker Reported that M^{r} Middleton and himself had attended the Councill with M^{r} Summers and that he qualified himself as the Law requires.

M^{r} Brading by Leave of the h^{os} brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Settling of five hundred and Sixty Acres of Marsh in the Town of Salem for the Encouragem^{t} of the freeholders thereof, & for making a footway from Salem to Windom which was Read.

Ordered the Second Reading Wednesday next

The House adjurned till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The Clerk of the Crown according to order attended this H^{os} with the Shrff's return of Representatives for Cape May County.

The House according to Order Resolved into a Committee of the whole house to consider of Quotas & Sallaries mentioned in the Bill Entituled an Act for Support of the Gov^{emnt} for one year & after sometime spent therin M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and M^{r} Gardner Reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them referred & that he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sit againe.

Resolved the H^{os} will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole house tomorrow morning at nine a Clock to consider farther of the Bill for Support of th Govermn^{t}

The House adjourn'd till 8 tomorrow

DIE MARTIS A. M. 22 Martii, 1.708

Capt. Farmer according to ord^{r} brought in an Address to his Excell desiring his Excell to oblige M^{r} Fanconiner to Lay his acc^{ts} & vouchers before this house or that his Securities bonds be put in Suit which was read & approved of p^{r} the house—

Ordered M^{r} Lawrence & M^{r} Breading wait on his Excellency with s^{d} address And that they desire his Excell^{y} to inform this house w^{t} his Lordp has Yet been pleased to do on the address of this house to his Excell^{y} upon the Lieut Gov^{r} and Councills Address to the Queen

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Cap^{t} Morris from the Committee to whom the Bills for Regulating Attorneys at Law, & one other Bill for the Regulating the Practice of the Law were Comitted, Reported that they had gone through s^{d} Bills, & had mad some amendments to Each of them—

Which said Bills were read with the amendments & agreed to by the house.

Ordered said Bills be Engrossed.

Cap^{t} Morris from the Committee appointed for the purpose bro^{t} in a Bill Entituled An Act for Settling the Militia of this Province which was read—&

Ordered a Second Reading tomorrow.

The House according to Order resolved itSelf into a Committee of the whole house to consider further of the Bill for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year and after some time Spent therein

M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair & M^{r} Gardner reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made some further progress in the matters to y^{m} Refered & that he was directed to move they might have Leave to Sitt againe.

Resolved That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole house at three a Clock in the afternoon to Consider further of the Bill for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year.

The House Adjournd till three a Clock in the afternoon.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

George Clarke Esq Laid before this House a Deputation from W^{m} Blathwait Esq^{r} for his being Deputy Auditor of her Maj^{ties} Customs and Revenues of this Province which was read in the house, having taken the same into Consideration.

Resolved that when that Country shall be in a Capacity to raise Customs and Revenues for the Support of the Governm^{t} This house will allow such fees as shall be proper to the s^{d} Office of Deputy Auditor According to Order—

The House Resolved itself into a Comittee of the whole house to consider farther of the Bill for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year & after some time spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair, And M^{r} Gardner Reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made Some farther progress in the matters to them refer'd & that he was directed to move that they might have leave to Sitt againe.

Resolved That this House will Resolve Itself into a Com^{ee} of

of the whole H^s tomorrow at nine a Clock to consider farther of the Bill for Support of the Governm^t for one yeare.

The H^s adjourn'd till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 23° Martii 1.708

M^r Laurence reported that M^r Breading & himself had waited on his Excell Yesterday with the address of this H^os & they had desired to know what his Excell had don on the Address of this H^os upon the L^t Governo & Councill's Address to the Queen, & that as to the address they then presented his Lordsp, his Lordsp answered that he would send for M^r Fanconnier so soon as should know were he was, And that the Gents that had signed the address to the Queen would answer in a day or two.

The H^s according to Ord^r Resolved into a Committee of the whole h^os to Consider farther of the Bill for Support of the Governm^t for one yeare & after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker resumed the Chair And M^r Gardner Reported from s^d Committee that they had come to a conclusion in the matters to them referr'd which he read in his place & laid upon the table, And further reported that he was directed to move that the H^os would desire his Lordsp to Nominate a Treasurer for this Ensuing Year.

Ordered Cap^t Farmer & M^r Gardner wait on his Excell & desire his Excell to Nominate a Treasurer for this Ensuing Year to be approved off by this H^os and that he be a Resident in this Province.

The Engrost Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating Attorneys at Law was read the 3^d time—

Resolved that s^d Bill pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for regulating Jury's was read the third time—

Resolved that s^d bill pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for regulating the practice of the Law was read y^e third time—

Resolved that s^d Bill pass.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for Dividing & ascertaining the boundaries of all y^e County's of this Province was read y^e third time.

Resolved that s^d bill pass.

Ordered that M^r Kay, M^r Kaighin, & M^r Summers attend the Gov^r & Councill with the above bill for their Concurrence.

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The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for the Reliefe of the poor was read the third time—

Resolved s^d^ Bill pass.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Settling the Militia of this Province was read the Second time And Committed to Cap^t^ Farmer & Cap^t^ Harrison.

Cap^t^ Farmer Reported that M^r^ Gardner & himself had waited on his Excell & desired his Excell to nominate a Treasurer to be approved of by this H^os^ and that his Excel^y^ was pleas^d^ to Say he would give them an answer to night or tomorrow morning.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^a^.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

The H^os^ adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 24 Martii 1.708

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill acquainting this h^os^ that his Excell had appointed M^r^ Miles Forster to be Receiver Gen^ll^ of this Province for the ensuing Year.

Resolved That M^r^ Forster be allow'd Treasurer for the Ensuing Year giving Sufficient Security for his true & faithful discharge of s^d^ Office.

Cap^t^ Farmer from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & appointing the fees of the severall Officers & Courts of this Province of New Jersey, Reported that they had gon through s^d^ Bill and had made Severall amendm^ts^ to the same, which he read in his place, & was laid upon the Table.

Resolved said bill be Engrost.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Settling of five hundred and Sixty Acres of Marsh in the Town of Salem &c was read the Second time.

Resolved said bill be referr'd till next sitting at Burlington.

The h^s^ Adjourned till 3 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Support of the Governm^t^ for one Year was read the Second time.

Ordered s^d^ bill be Committed to M^r^ Kay M^r^ Kaighin, M^r^ Gardner, Cap^t^ Morris & M^r^ Crips.

The H^os^ Adjournd till 9 a Clock tomorrow morning.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 25 Martii 1.709.

Mr Kay from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of the Governmt for one Year was Committed, Reported that they had gon through sd bill and had made Several amendmts to the same.

Ordered the sd Bill be read with its amendmts, which was read accordingly.

Ordered sd Bill bee Engrossd.

Ordered Mr Gardner Capt Farmer, Mr Kay, Capt Morris & Capt Harrison be a Committee to draw up An Address to the Queen in answear to the address of the Lieut Govr & Councill's address to the Queen And one other Address to his Excell on the same Subject

A Petition from Mary Grubbs &c was Read.

Ordered the sd Petition be referr'd till next sitting at Burlington.

Ordered Mr Crips & Mr Sharp Carry up the following bills to the Governr & Councill for their Concurrence.

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A Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & Ascertaining the boundaries of the County's & one other for relicfe of the Poor.

Ordered that the Bill Entituled An Act for regulating of Ordinary's be Committed to Capt Parker & Mr Middleton.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 26° Martii 1709

Mr Kay from the Committee appointed for regulating the highways brought in a Bill for that purpose which was read.

Ordered a Second Reading Munday next.

Mr Hall from the Councill returned the Bill Entituled an Act for preventing Swine Running at Large, with Severall amendmts to the Same, which were read.

Ordered the Consideration of the sd Amendmts be referred till Munday next.

Capt Farmer from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled an Act for Settling the Militia of this Province was committed

Reported that they had gone thro' sd Bill & had made Some Amendments to the same,

Which Bill with the amendmts were read.

And upon the Question put was Recommitted to Mr Treat, Mr Lyon, & Mr Machilson—

Ordered

Ordered Cap^{t} Morris & M^{r} Johnson wait on his Excell to know when his Excell will be pleased to be attended by this H^{os}, with the Bill for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year.

The H^{os} adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei,

The Bill Entituled an Act for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year was read the third time.

Resolved that s^{d} Bill pass—

Ordered that M^{r} Speaker & Cap^{t} Farmer agree with the printer for printing Such Acts and other things relating to this h^{os} as they shall think fitting—

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & appointing the ffees of the Severall Officers & Courts of this province of New Jersey was read the third time.

Resolved s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered M^{r} Sharp, M^{r} Rapier, & M^{r} Crisp carry the above bill for ascertaining of fees to Governor & Councill for their Concurrence.

Ordered M^{r} Breading have leave to goe home it being on Extraordinary Occasions.

The house adjourn'd till Monday nine a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 28 Martii 1.709

Ordered that M^{r} Gardner have Leave to go home it being on Extraordinary Occasions—

The h^{os} proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments made to the Bill Entituled an Act for preventing Swine runing at large which were severally read & agreed to with one amendm^{t}.

Ordered that M^{r} Middleton & M^{r} Rapier carry up the Bill to the Councill & acquaint them that the h^{os} had made an amendm^{t} to their amendmen^{ts} to which they desire their Concurrence.

M^{r} Speaker with the H^{os} attended his Excell & Councill with the Bill Entituled An Act for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year for their concurrence to the same.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the better Regulating & preserving & laying out publick & common highways was read the Second time.

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole H^{os} to consider of the last mentioned Bill & after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair & M^{r} Kay reported from

from the s^{d} Committee that they had gon through the s^{d} bill & had made some amendm^{ts} to the same w^{ch} he read in his place & lay^{d} on the table.

Ordered the same Lay on the Table for the perusall of the Members.

A Message from the Councill by W^{m} Pinhorne Esq^{r} acquainting the H^{os}, that they had past a Bill Entitled an Act for the Explaining of Grants and Pattents for Land made and Executed by Phillip Carteret & Councill in the Eastern Division of this Province according to the true Intent and meaning of Grantor & Grantee & desired the concurrence of this h^{os} to the same & laid it on the Table.

Ordered that it be read p^{r}Sently w^{ch} was read accordingly.

Ordered a Second reading tomorrow.

The H^{os} adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Dieii.

The House adjourned till tomorrow nine a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 29 Martii 1.709

Cap^{t} Parker from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in A Bill Entituled an Act for building Court h^{oses} & Jaols in the Eastern division of the province of New Jersey, which was read And Ordered to be referred till farther consideration.

Cap^{tn} Parker from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Setling the Militia of this province was committed, —Reported that they gon through the s^{d} bill & had made some Amendm^{ts} to the same which he read in his place & laid upon the Table.

Ordered the same be read, which was read accordingly And Order'd to be Engrost.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Explaining of Grants & Pattents of Land &c, was read the Second time.

Ordered it be Committed to Cap^{t} Morris, Cap^{t} Farmer, & M^{r} Kinley.

Ordered that M^{r} Treat M^{r} Lyon & M^{r} Middleton prepare & bring in A Bill for preventing Irregular ranging of the Woods and taking up horses.

Ordered M^{r} Sec^{ry} Bass attend this h^{os} at three a Clock in the afternoon.

The House adjurn'd till three a Clock in the afternoon.

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P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow nine a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 30 Martii 1.709

A Message from the Councill by Lewis Morris Esq^{r} acquainting this H^{os} they had past the Bill Entituled an Act for Support of the Governm^{t} for one year without any amendm^{ts} And that they had past the bill Entituled an Act for preventing swine running at large with the Amend^{mts} of this H^{os} & that the Councill had made some Amendm^{ts} to the Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating the Qualifications of Representatives And Some Amendm^{ts} to one other Bill Entituled An Act for destroying of Wolves Panthers &c & desired the Concurrence of this H^{os} to the several Amendm^{ts}.

The Bill Entituled an Act for regulating the Qualifications of Representatives was read wth the Amendm^{ts} of the Councill and upon the question put, It past in the Affirmative

The Bill Entituled an Act for destroying of wolves panthers &c, was read with the Amendments of the Councill

And upon the Question put it past in the affirmative.

M^{r} Speaker by leave of the H^{os} brought in a Bill Entituled An Act for the Encouragem^{t} of the Post Office within this Province which was read,

And ordered a Second reading tomorrow.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Cap^{t} Parker from the Committee to whom the bill Entituled an Act for Regulating of Ordinaries was committed,

Reported that they had gon through the s^{d} Bill & had made some amendm^{ts} to y^{e} Same, which he read in his place & lay'd upon y^{e} table.

Ordered it be Engrost.

Cap^{t} Morris from the Committee to whom the bill Entituled An Act for the Explaining of Grants and pattents of land &c, was Committed—

Reported that they had gone through the s^{d} Bill, & that they did not see Occasion of making any amendm^{ts} to the same.

Which was read the third time.

Order'd & past.

Resolved the s^{d} bill pass,

Ordered

Ordered Mr Middleton have leave to go home it being on Extraordinary Occasions.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow tenn a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 31 Martii 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for Setling a Post Office in this Province was read the Second time.

Ordered the sd Bill be Engrost.

Capt Farmer from the Committee appointed for yt purpose—

Reported that they had drawn up an address to her Majtie and another to his Excell the Lord Lovelace which he read in his place & laid upon the table.

And upon the Question put were agreed to by the house.

The house adjourn'd till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered That Mr Kinsey Mr Kay, Mr Rapier & Mr Summers carry up the Severall bills past in this Hos to the Councill for their Concurrance.

The Engrossed bill Entituled an Act for settling the Militia of this Province was read the third time—

Resolved the sd Bill pass—

Ordered Capt Harrison & Mr Treat carry up the sd Bills to the Councill for their Concurrance

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow tenn a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 1° Aprilis 1.709

John Kaigin, Hugh Sharp, Nathl Crips, John Lewis & Richd Johnson being of the profession of the People called Quakers, who were present yesterday at the passing the Act for Establishing the Militia of this Province desired to have their dissent Entered to the passing of the sd Act, because they could not do it for Conscience Sake.

Ordered That Mr Treat & Mr Rapier wait on his Excellency to know when his Excelly will please to be attended by the Hos with their address.

Mr Treat Reported that Mr Rapier & himselfe had waited on his

his Excellency and that his Excellen^{cy} had appointed the H^{os} to attend him presently.

M^{r} Speaker with the H^{os} waited on his Excell according, with the address of this H^{os}.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Settling a Post Office in this Province was read the third time.

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered that M^{r} Lewis & M^{r} Lyon carry up the above bill to the Councill for their Concurrance.

Ordered the Lieut Gov^{r} & Councills Address to the Queen be printed.

The H^{os} adjourn'd till tomorrow 8 h^{o} A. M.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 2: Apr 1.709

A Copy of a Paper from the Lieut Governo^{r} & Severall of the Gents of the Councill to his Excel & another by Roger Mompesson Esq^{r} relating to the address sent by them to the Queen being read.

Resolved the Consideration of the said Papers be referred till next Sitting.

And Address to his Excel from this H^{os} was read & agreed to by the H^{os} and is as followeth:

May it Please yo^{r} Excellency

Tho' this H^{os} has an Entire confidence in yo^{r} Excell Justice & prudence that Yo^{r} Excel will dispose of the money raised for Support of the Governm^{t} to the purposes designed, yet wee dare not say that wee have that confidence in the Gent: that are now of Her Maj$^{tie's}$ Councill, which is the reason Wee have altered the former Method & which wee pray yo^{r} Excell will please favourably to Represent to her Maj^{ty} in Our behalf.

The H^{os} adjournd till 3 h^{o} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered That M^{r} Speaker write to the Principall Sec^{ry} of State & send him the address of this h^{os} to be laid before the Queen.

The House Adjournd till Munday next.

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DIE LUNAE A. M. 4 Apr: 1.709

A Message from the Councill by the Clerke of y^e^ Councill acquainting the h^os^ that the Councill had past the severall bills following without any amendm^ts^

viz^t^

A Bill for Setling the Militia of this Province.

A Bill for Regulating of Ordinarys AND

A Bill for Settling the Post Office in this Province, and farther acquainted the H^os^ that his Excel required their attendance Imediately—

The H^os^ accordingly attended His Excellency.

His Excell was pleased to adjurn the Assembly till the 27 day of September next to meet at Burlington.

AMBOY, May the 25^th^ 1.709 P. M.

In Pursuant to his honn^r^ the Lieut Governor's Proclamation of the 13^th^ Instant the H^os^ mett.

Ordered that Cap^t^ Farmer & M^r^ Cripp wait on his honn^r^ the Lieut Gou^r^ & acquaint his honn^r^ that the H^os^ is Setting & that if his honn^r^ has not any Commands for them to day, the H^os^ will adjourne 'till tomorrow.

Cap^t^ Farmer reported that M^r^ Cripps and himself had waited on his honn^r^ with the Message of this H^os^ & that his Honn^r^ Said he had no business for them tonight.

The H^os^ adjournd till tomorrow 10 A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 26 Maii 1.709

Ordered That Cap^t^ Parker & M^r^ Rapier wait on his honn^r^ the Lieut Govern^r^ & Acquaint him that the H^os^ is Setting & attend his honn^rs^ directions.

Cap^t^ Parker Reported that M^r^ Rapier and himself had waited on his honn^r^ with the above message & that his Honn^r^ answered he Expected Severall of the Members of the Councill but if they did not come this forenoon he would proceed to business without them.

The House Adjourn'd till three a Clock in the Afternoon.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

A Message from the Governo^r^ by the Clerke of the Councill as follows.

M^r^

Mr Speaker his Honnr The Governor desires the Attendance of the hos Immediately, at the Hos of Mr Miles Forster.

Mr Speaker accordingly left the Chaire & with the Hos attended his honr. The Hos being returned Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Reported that his Honr had been pleased to make them a Speech & delivered a Copy of the same to the House which is as follows,

Ordered the same be read Presently, which was read accordingly.

Gentlemen.

I did not intend Yor meeting Sooner than September But Her Majties Speciall Commands and Extraordinary Service have laid a necessity on mee for requiring it at this time & Place.

The tender care our Gracious Queen has shewn & the Great Expenses She has been at for Yor Safety & preservation at this time of need at home will I doubt not Encourage & oblidge you to to do all that is Expected from You for the wellfare of yor Country, Since the like opportunity never yet Offered nor Ever may be again if this should be neglected.

I do therefore Earnestly desire that all heats and Animositys may be buried in Oblivion and that you will Unanimously apply YorSelves to this great work with such Expedition that you may soon be in as much forwardness as any of Yor Neighbour's. And have a recess till yor own Particular Affairs will more easily permit you to attend the Publick Service for the farther good and happiness of this Collony.

Which I shall always use my Utmost Endeavours to promote.

Ordered Mr Lawrence & Mr Sharp Waite upon his honnr & desire his honnr would be pleas'd to Let the hos have a perusall of the severall papers read to them before his honnr.

Mr Lawrence Reported that Mr Sharp & himself had waited on his honnr with the above Message & that his Honnr had sent the hos the severall papers above mentioned.

Ordered they be read presently which was read accordingly.

Ordered the farther Consideration of this be referr'd till tomorrow morning.

Ordered Mr Sec'ry attend the hos with the record of Commission tomorrow morning nine a Clock.

The Hos adjournd till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 27 Mais 1.709

M[r] Sec'[ry] according to Order attended the h[os] & acquainted the h[os] he had not the Records of Commissions in Town.

Ordered M[r] Treat & M[r] Summers wait on his honn[r] with M[r] Eldridge one of the Members returned to Serve in this Assembly for his takeing and Subscribing the Oaths as the Law directs & that they desire his honn[r] to let the H[os] have a sight of his honn[rs]' Commission for L[t] Governor of this Province, the h[os] being informed his honn[r] has it here;

M[r] Treat Reported that M[r] Summers & himself had waited on his honn[r] with the above message that M[r] Eldridge had taken the Oath & Subscribed according to Law. And to his honn[r] Commission his honn[r] said he did not use to carry it about him, & if he had it, yet the house would want the Record of my Lord Lovelace's Commission.

A Petition from John Bishop & John Pike on behalf of the Inhabitants of Woodbridge was read—

Ordered the farther Consideration of the s[d] petition be referred till Munday next.

Ordered M[r] Secretary Send an Express for the Records of Commissions so that they may be here Munday Morning next.

The House adjourd till three a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

After a considerable debate on the matters recommended to this H[os] by his honn[r]

The House adjournd till tomorrow Nine a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. 28° Maji 1.709

M[r] Secretary Laid before this H[os] a Copy of his honn[rs] the Lieut Governours Commission.

Ordered Cap[t] Farmer Cap[t] Parker M[r] Royse, M[r] Breading M[r] Lawrence, M[r] Eldridge or any five of them bee a Committee to Joyne with a Committee of the Councill to consult with Coll Veash Coll[o] Nicollson as soon as they arrive for the Speedy & Effectuall putting in Execution Her Maj[ties] Commands in Relation to the present Expedition.

Ordered That M[r] Mott & M[r] Lewis wait on his honn[r] & desire his hon[r] to appoint A Committee of the Councill to Joyne with the Committee of the H[os] to Consult w[th] Coll Veash & Coll Nicollson as soon as they shall arrive for the speedy and Effectual

Effectual putting her Majᵗʸ's Commands in Execution relating to the present Expedition—

Mʳ Mott Reported that Mʳ Lewis & himself had waited on his Honʳ with the above Message & yᵗ his honʳ said he would appoint A Committee presently.

The Hᵒˢ adjourn'd till 3 hᵒ.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered Mʳ Kay Mʳ Kaighin & Mʳ Treat be added to the Committee of the forenoon.

A Message from his Honnʳ by the Clerke of the Councill

Mʳ Speaker the Governʳ requires the attendance of the Hᵒˢ presently—

Mʳ Speaker accordingly left the Chaire & wᵗʰ the hᵒˢ went to attend his honnʳ & being return'd Mʳ Speaker resumed the Chaire, & reported that the Instructions to Coˡˡ Veash & severall other papers and Commissions were read to them & deld to him to be laid before the hᵒˢ, which he laid on the Table.

Ordered the same be read presently which were read accordingly—

A Message from his honnʳ the Lᵗ Governoʳ by the Clerke of the Councill.

Mʳ Speaker,

His Honnʳ has Commanded mee to acquaint the hᵒˢ his honnʳ has appointed a Committee of the Councill to meet the Committee appointed by this hᵒˢ at Seven a Clock this afternoon at the Hᵒˢ of Capᵗ Jno Harrison.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A.M. 30 Maji 1.709

Mʳ Laurence from the Committee appointed to be with the Committee of the Councill &c

Reported that they had met a Committee of the Councill Yesterday Coll Veash & Coll Nicollson being present & that they did not then Enter into any Debate, but appointed to meet again this day at three a Clock in the afternoon Either by the Same Committee or A Committee of the whole hᵒˢ.

Resolved,

The House Resolve itself into A Comittee of the whole hᵒˢ at three a Clock in the afternoon at the hᵒˢ of Captⁿ John Harrison

rison to join with the Committee of the Councill to Consult farther with Coll Veash & Co^{ll} Nicollson (who are desired to be present) for the Speedy & Effectuall putting in Execution her Maj^{ties} Commands, relating to the present Expedition.

Ordered that the farther Consideration of the petit^{n} from the Inhabitants of Woodbridge be referr'd till Wednesday next.

The H^{s} adjourned till 3 h^{o} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message from his honn^{r} the Lieut Governour by the Clerk of the Councill.

M^{r} Speaker,

I am commanded by his honn^{r} in Councill to acquaint this H^{os} that it is recommended to this house to provide a fund of money to answer the Expenses of sending an Express forthwith to the Indians & for Severall other charges in order to carry on this present Expedition against Canada—

That that Board did agree to conference with the Committee of this h^{os} in the great room of Harrison at four of the Clock in the afternoon.

AND that it is the opinion of his houn^{r} and of Councill that an Express to New York to obtain Copy's of the Acts of Assembly past in that Govermn^{t} for the promoting of this present Expedition to Canada would tend very much to Expedite the s^{d} Service.

The House according to ord^{r} Resolved itself into A Committee of the whole ho^{s} & were joyned by a Committee of the Councill, Coll Veash & Coll Nicollson being pres^{t}, and after some time Spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, & M^{r} Gardner Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had Offered Severall Reasons for an Abatem^{t} of their Quotas of Menn, & were answered by Coll Veash & Co^{ll} Nicollson that they had no Instruction to dispense with that part of her Maj^{ties} Commands.

The House adjourned till tomorrow 7 A Clock precisely.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 31 Maji 1.709

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole h^{os} to consider farther of matters relating to the pres^{t} Expedition & after Sometime Spent therein M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire, And M^{r} Gardner Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they

they had put to the Vote whether this H^{os} will Detatch men for this present Expedition & that the s^{d} Committee was Equally Devided in the Same.

The House Adjourn'd till 3h^{o} P M Ejusd Diei.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill

M^{r} Speaker.

I am Commanded by his honn^{r} the Gov^{r} in Councill to acquaint this h^{os} that Coll Francis Nicollson & Coll Samuel Veash haveing Communicated to that board her Mg^{ties} Instructions relating to the pres^{t} Expedition to Canada And more Particularly the Quotas of menn, mon^{ys} & Provisions that this Province is to furnish for the Same.

It is Resolved by the said Board Nemine Contradicente that they do agree that her Maj^{ties} Instructions relating to this pres^{t} Expedition be forthwith complyd with in all its parts.

Coll^{o} Veash was pleased to send A Copy of her Maj^{ties} Instructions to this h^{os} for their perusall.

Which was read in the House.

Motion being made & the Question put whether this H^{os} will detatch men for this present Expedition.

It past in the the Negative.

The House Resolv'd into a Committee of the whole H^{os} fr taking into consideration the raising A Summe of mony for the Service of the Queen & after some time spent therein,

M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire And M^{r} Gardner Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had resolved to raise Three Thousand pounds for her Maj^{ties} Service in the present juncture.

The House adjourn'd till 8 a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 1^{o} Junji 1.709

Motion being made & the Question put whether this h^{os} did agree to the Resolve of the Committee of the whole H^{os} of Yesterday afternoon—

It past in the affirmative.

Resolved that this h^{os} will raise £3,000 for her Maj^{ties} Service in the present Juncture.

The House Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole h^{os} to consider of ways and means for raising of the s^{d} sume of Three Thousand pounds for her Majesties Service in this present juncture & to make choyse of Such P Son to Receive dispose

dispose off & manage the same according to the order of this house & no otherwise.

The Committee being acquainted y^e^ Clerke of the Councill was attending the h^os^ w^th^ A Message.

M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chair And the Clerke of the Councill delivered the Message as follows—

M^r^ Speaker, I am Commanded by his honn^r^ the Governo^r^ to lay before this h^os^ Severall acts past in New York, & other papers for the forwarding the present Expedition which he laid on y^e^ table.

And then the h^s^ Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole h^os^ to Consider as before & after some time spent therein, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chaire And M^r^ Gardner Reported from the s^d^ Committee y^t^ they had made some progress in the matters to them referred And y^t^ he was directed to move they might have leave to sitt againe.

Resolved This House will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole house at three a Clock in the afternoon.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 h^o^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

The House according to Ord^r^ Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole h^os^ to consider farther of the matters referr'd to them in the forenoon.

The Committee being acquainted the Clerke of the Councill attended with a Message to this house M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chair, And the Clerke of y^e^ Councill being admitted delivered the following Message

M^r^ Speaker,

I am desired by his honn^r^ the Gov^r^ to desire this h^os^ to deliver to me all the Commissions & other papers Delivered to this h^os^ by the L^t^ Governour & Coll^o^ Veash, and Coll^o^ Nicollson in Council

Which were delivered accordingly.

AND then the H^os^ Resolved Itself into A Committe of the whole h^os^ to consider as before, and after sometime spent the s^d^ Committee, M^r^ Speaker Resumed the Chaire & M^r^ Gardner Reported from the s^d^ Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them referred & y^t^ he was directed to move that they might have leave to sitt againe.

Resolved

Resolved the h^{os} will Resolve Itselfe into A Committee of the whole h^{os} tomorrow morning at Eight a Clock.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow morning Eight a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 2° Junji 1.709

The h^{os} according to ord^{r} resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole h^{os} to Consider further of ways & means for raising the sum of £3000 for her Maj^{ties} Service in this present Juncture & to make choyse of a PSon or PSons to receive, dispose of & manage the same & after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire & M^{r} Gardner reported from s^{d} Committee that they had made some further progress in the matters to them referr'd & that he was directed to move that they might have leave to sitt againe.

Resolved the h^{os} will Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole h^{os} at two a Clock in the afternoon.

The H^{os} adjourn'd till 2 h°

P. M. Ejusd diei.—

The H^{os} according to order Resolved Itself into A Committee of the whole h^{os} to consider as in the forenoon & after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire & M^{r} Gardner Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had come to a conclusion in the severall matters to them referr'd which he had drawn up in Writing & was ready to Report when the h^{os} would receive the same—

Ordered the said Report be made Prestly, which he read to the h^{os} & laid on the Clerk's table—

AND was afterwards read by the Clerke and agreed to by the House—

Ordered that M^{r} Royse Cap^{t} Farmer & M^{r} Breading prepare & bring in A Bill pursuant to the resolve of the s^{d} Committee in order to Expedite & carry on the present Expedition agst Canada.

A Message from the Councill by Coll° Cox.

Mr Speaker, The Lieut Gov^{r} & counsell have drawn up, an address to her Most Sacred Maj^{ties}, returning thanks for her Maj^{ties} Perticular care of this Province & the rest of her Maj^{ties} Provinces in America in undertaking y^{e} p'sent Expedition against Canadas AND Desired this H^{os} to joyn wth them in it

Ordered

Ordered the same be read & was read accordingly & r'ferr'd till tomorrow morning.

A Message from the Councill by Mr. Hall.

Mr Speaker, the Councill have past A Bill—Entituled An Act for preventing P'Sons from leaving this province or absconding in ordr to prevent their Service in this present Expedition against Canada and desire the Concurrence of this H^{os} to the Same & laid it on the Table

Ordered the same be read p'sently Which was read accordingly AND Ordered a Second reading tomorrow Morning.

Ordered Mr Gardner, Mr Treat & Mr Kay be a committee to prepare & bring in a Bill against Prosecution by way of Informations.

Ordered, Mr Sharp, Mr Kaiglin, Mr Kinsey be a Committee to prepare & bring in a bill for the Explaining that part of the Act of Parliam^{t} for Regulating the Currancy of Coynes relating to Debts contracted before the first of May last

Ordered, Capt. Parker, Mr Laurence & Mr Eldridge be a Committee for amendng the Militia Act.

The H^{os} adjournd till 8 a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 3^{o} Junii 1.709

The Address to the Queen sent by the Councill for the Concurrance of this House was read according to order & Referred to farther Consideration.

A Message by the C'k of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

The Councill have drawn up an Address to Coll^{o} Nicolson desiring he would please to take the Chief Command of such forces as goes from this Province in the Expedition against Canada & desire the Concurrance of this house to the same & laid it on the table.

Ordered the same be read presently, & was read accordingly.

A Nother Message by the C'k of the Councill Acquainting this h^{os} the Council had sent severall Commissions & papers which were agreed to by the Assembly of New York & themselves And desired the Concurrance of this h^{os} to the same,

Which was read by the House.

Resolved, the following words in the address to Coll Nicolson; viz. That his honnr. would oblige our Province & our Nation

Nation by taking the supream Command of the s[d] forces Imployed against Canada by land This h[os] takes to Signifie none but such as Voluntarily list themselves und[r] my Comm[d]

Upon the question being put whether the Address to Coll Nicollson should pass with the above Explanation;

It passed in the affirmative.

And Mr Speaker, by ord[r] of the H[os] signed the same.

Ordered, Capt. Harrison carry up the said Address to the Councill or to the Clerk of the Councill.

Capt Harrison Reported that he had deliver'd the said address to the Clerke of the Councill.

The Bill Entitled, An Act for preventing persons from leaving this province &c was read the Second time.

A Message By the Clerke of the Councill.

Mr Speaker, The Councill ordered me to attend this House with the address to Coll[o] Nicollson, sign'd by Mr Speaker by order of the h[os] & desires all the Members of this house would sign the same as the Neighbouring provinces have given an Example of And such of the Members as pleased sign'd the same in the House, And delivered it back to the Clerke of the Councill.

Upon the question put whether the Bill, Entitled An Act for preventing persons from leaving this Province should be Committed or Rejected,

It was Rejected.

The House Adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 4 Juni 1709.

Motion being made & the question put whether this h[os] did agree to the Address to the Queen sent by the Councill to this h[os]. It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered Mr Lawrence carry the same to the Councill to be Signed by them.

A Bill Entitled an Act for Assertaining the rates of Money before the first of May past &c. was read the first time.

A Bill Entitled An Act for Preventing Prosecutions by Informations was read the first time.

Mr Laurence Reported he had carry'd the address to the Queen, to the Councill and that they said they would signe it & send it to the H[os] for their signing it.

The H[os] adjourn'd till 2 h[a].

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message from the Council by Maj Sandford. Mr Speaker, The Councill have signed the address to the Queen & sends it to this H^os^ for your Concerrance.

Ordered, Mr Speaker signe the same.

Ordered Mr Mott carry up the address to the Queen to the Councill.

The Bill Entitled An Act for preventing prosecu'ion by Informations was read the Second time And Committed to Mr Kaighin, Mr Middleton & Captain Harrison.

The Bill Entitled An Act for Assertaining the Rates of Money before the 1st of May past was read the Second time and Committed to Cap^t^ Parker, Mr Kay, and Mr Crip.

A Bill Entitled An additionale Act to the Act Entitled for Settling the Militia of this Province was read the first time.

AND Ordered A Second reading Munday next in the afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Munday Morning Nine a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 6 Junji 1709

Mr Kaiglin from the Committee to whome the Bill Entitled An Act for preventing p^r^secu'ions by Informations was committed.

Reported, that they had gon through the s^d^ Bill and had made some Amendments to the same which he read in his place & laid on the table.

And was afterwards read in the h^os^ with the Amendments.

Ordered to be Engrost.

The House adjourn'd till 9 h^a^ P. M.

Ejusd Diei

The Bill Entitled An additionall Act to the Act for Seteling the Militia of this Province was read the second time.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message from the Councill by the Clerke of the Councill, Acquainting this h^os^ that Every Member of this house not having Severally sign'd the Address to the Queen & having inserted an amendm^t^ to the same w^ch^ the Councill did not agree unto, that board had ordered him to Subscribe anew the s^d^ address to the Queen to be signed by the Lieut Governo^r^ & Councill And further acquainted this h^os^ that the Councill had order'd

order'd him to informe this h^{os} that three Young Menn came to Coll Cox this morning to be listed as Voluntiers & desired to know w^{t} Encouragement should be given to them on their listing & how they should be Sublisted afterwards and upon any tolerable Incouragement given, severall others would follow this Example, and that the councill desired this h^{os} would make some provision for them & for such others as shall hereafter offer themselves to be listed.

Ordered M^{r} Lawrence attend the Councill & acquaint them that this h^{os} is raising of money for the Encouragement of Volunteers, And as for those that are listed Capt Harrison will find y^{m} in provisions till the Lieut Gov^{r} shall arrive.

Mr Lawrence Reported that he had attended the Councill with the above message.

Ordered Capt Farmer Mr Royse & Mr Breading be a Committee for drawing up an address to the Queen.

The Bill Entitled An Additional Act to the Act Entitled An Act for Settling the Militia of this province was read the Second time and referr'd to farther Consideration.

Mr Kay from the Committee to whom the Bill Entitled An Act for ascertaining the rates of money before the first of May last was committed.

Reported that they had gon through the s^{d} bill & had made some amendm^{ts} to the same, which he read in his place and laid on the Table.

Ordered, the s^{d} Bills be Engrost.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 7° Junji 1.709

The engrost Bill Entitled An Act for preventing Prosecutions by Informations was read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill pass.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Motion being made And the question put whether the engrost Bill Entitled an Act for assertaining the Rates of Mony for payments of Debts &c before the first Day of May Last should be past as it was, or be Recommitted.

It was recommitted to Capt Harrison Mr Royse & Mr Gardiner.

Capt Farmer, from the Committee appointed for preparing and bringing in a Bill for raising £3,000 for her Maj^{ties} Service, brought in A Bill for that purpose which was Read.

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AND then the h^{os} Resolved into a Committee of the whole H^{os} to consider farther of the same & after some time Spent therein Capt Farmer Reported, from the s^{d} committee that they had gon through the said bill & settled the Quotas & filled up the Several blanks in the same.

Ordered the s^{d} Bill be Read again tomorrow morning.

Ordered Capt. Harrison, Mr Gardiner & Mr Cripps be a Committee to consider of the Petition from John Bishop and John Pike and make report thereof to this H^{os}.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 8 A Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 8^{o} Junji 1709

The Bill Entitled An Additionall Act to the Act for settling the Militia of this province was Committed to the same Committee appointed to bring it in.

The Bill Entitled An Act for Raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^{ties} Service was read the Second time & was Committed to the Committee of the whole House.

Mr Gardner, from the Committee To whom the Bill Entitled An Act for the assertaining the Rates of Mon'y for paym^{t} of Debts &c before the first of May last was Committed.

Reported, they had gon through the said Bill and had made some Amendm^{ts} to the same—which he read in his place and laid on the Table and was afterwards read in the H^{os} & upon the question put, It passed with the Amendm^{ts}.

Mr Gardner, from the Committee for rendering the petition from John Bishop & John Pike.

Reported that they had Considered the same and had drawn up a Report in Writing which he read in his place and laid on the Table; and is as follows Viz^{t}:

Wee find cause of Complaint in this petition but with Submission think time at this Session will not be had to consider of it in its Particulars.

Therefore desire it may be Deferr'd till the next sitting of this H^{os} Or address the Lt Governo^{r} &c for the removing those persons as was the cause of such Great Violations & hinders of Justice.

Upon the Question put whether there was cause of Compl't in the above Petition it past in y^{e} Affirm^{t}.

Upon the question put whether this H^{os} will address the Lieut. Governo^{r} on the above Petition this Sitting, It past in the Negative.

The house Resolved its self into a Committee of the whole

H^{os}

H^os^ to Consider of the Bill Entitled An Act for raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^ties^ Service and after some time spent thereon; Mr Speaker Resumed the Chair And Captain Parker Cm^n^ Reported from the s^d^ Committee that they had made progress in the matters to them referr'd and that he was directed to move they might have leave to Sit again.

Resolved, the h^os^ will Resolve It self into A Committee of the whole h^os^ at three a Clock in the afternoon.

Ordered Mr Breading, & Mr Summers carry up the following Bills to the Councill for their Consideration Viz^t^.

A Bill Entitled an act for assertaining the Rates of mony for payment of debts &c. before the first day of May last.

And one other Bill Entitled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations.

The House adjournd till 3 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

The house according to Ord^r^ Resolved Its Self into A Committee of the whole H^os^ to Consider of the Bill Entitled An Act for raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^ties^ Service and after some time Spent thereon,

Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Capt Parker Reported from the said committee, That they had gone through the s^d^ Bill and had made severall amendm^ts^ to the same, which he read in his place & layd on the Table.

Ordered, Mr Lyon have leave to goe home, he being indisposed.

The House adjourned till tomorrow 8 h^a^.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 9 Junji 1709

The Bill Entitled An Act for raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^ties^ Service being read with the Amendm^ts^; upon the Question put, was ordered to be Engrost.

Mr Royse, from the Committee for drawing up an address to Her Majestie,

Reported they had drawn up An address accordingly; Which was read and referred to farther consideration.

Ordered Mr Farmer, Mr Breading & Mr Lawrence be a Committee to prepare & bring in A Bill for the Inforcing the Currency of Bills of Creditt.

Mr Eldridg brought in A Bill Entitled an act for Regulateing of Fences which was Read & Referr'd till next sitting.

The house adjournd till 3 h^a^ P. M.

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The Address to the Queen was read & upon the question put, It was agreed to by the House.

The House adjournd till 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 10 Junji 1709

The House Mett & Adjourned till 3 h^a P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The Engrost Bill Entitled An Act for raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^ties Services was read the third time & upon the Question put, was Rejected.

The Members of this H^os that were present and were for passing the s^d Bill desired y^e Names may be Entred and are as follows Viz^t: Capt Tho. Farmer, Mr John Royse, Mr Nathaniel Brading, Capt Elisha Parker, Mr John Treat, Mr Enoch Machilson, Mr Ezekiell Eldridge Mr John Summers, Capt John Harrison.

Mr Speaker, desired his Assent might be Enterd to the s^d Bill it being carryd in the Negative without comeing to his Vote.

Motion being made and the Question put whether the address from this H^os to the Queen which was yesterday agreed to by the h^os should be Signed by the Speaker on behalf of the h^os or by Each particular Member

It was Agreed it should be Signed by the Speaker which was accordingly signed by him.

Mr Gardner on behalf of himself & the rest of the Members of this House that were of the People called Quakers desired the following Entry might be made Viz^t:

The Members of this House being of the People called Quakers, hath always been and still are for raising of Money for the Support of her Maj^ties Governmt, but to raise Money for raising soldiers is against their Religious Principles and for Conscience cannot agree thereto.

The House adjourned till tomorrow Morning 8 A Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 11° Junji 1.709

Mr Lewis, having Received News of Urgent business Requireing his goeing home & desiring leave of this H^os.

Ordered he have leave to goe home.

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A Message by the Clerke of the Councill. Mr Speaker, I am Commanded by his Honnr the Lieut. Govr. in councill to acquaint this Hos that Wm. Penhorm Esq, Colle Richd Townley, Colle Daniel Cox, Peter Sonmans Esq, Hugh Huddy Esq, or any three of them are appointed A Committee to Inspect the Journall of the Hos of Representatives And to report the same to that Board, (and that this Hos do ordr the Clerke to attend the sd Committee forthwith.

Ordered the Clerke of this Hos attend the said Committee with the Journall of this House forthwith.

The House adjourned till two a Clock in the Afternoon.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Upon ye motion put whether A Committee of this Hos should be appointed to Inspect the Journall of the Councill. It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered Capt Farmer Mr Royse Mr Gardner, Mr Kay, Mr. Breading Captain Harrison, Mr Kaighin or any three of whom bee a Committee to Inspect the Journall of the Councill.

Ordered that Mr Treat & Mr Eldridge wait on the Councill & desire them to ordr the Clerke to attend the Committee of this House with the Journall of that Board at the House of Mr Jno Harrison at Six a Clock this afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till Seven a Clock this afternoon.

7° ha Ejusd Diei.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

I am Commanded by his Honnr the Lieut Governor in Councill to acquaint this House that that board having reviewed the Message from the Hos by Mr Treat & Mr Eldridge desiring them to ordr the Clerke to attend the Committee of this Hos with the Journall of that Board at the Hos of Mr John Harrison at six of the Clock this afternoon that board does observe that in the sd ordr no mention is made of the Lt Governor who this hos could but know was first in Councill & during his being in the P.Vince the Members of the Councill have no power to Act without him ; And that Board doth further Observe that the Committee appointed by this hos are to Inspect the Journall of that board they preSume the proceedings of Councill are Secret but upon yor propper application to the Lieut Governor

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& Councill An Ord^{r} will be granted to the Clerke to Expose to the View of such Committee as You shall appoint all the Entrys & Minutes keept by the Councill which have any tending or Relation to the proceedings in General Assembly.

Upon the Consideration of the above message wherein there was A mistake.

Ordered that Mr Breading & Mr Summers do Acquaint his honnr. the Lieut Gover^{r} & Councill y^{t} this h^{os} conceives that such transactions of his honn'r in Councill as relates to the proceedings in Generall Assembly, are keept apart in A book by themselves which is w^{t} this h^{os} had appointed their Committee to Inspect & w^{h} they still do desire And that the Clerke of the Councill may be ordered to attend the s^{d} Committee Munday at Seven a Clock in the forenoon at the House of Mr John Harrison.

The House adjourned till Munday next, Nine A Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 13 Junji 1.709

Mr Breading Reported that Mr Summers & himself had waited on his honn^{r} the Lieut Govn^{r} in Councill Satturday last with the message from this House.

Captain Farmer from the Committee appointed for Inspecting the Journall of the Councill, Reported that they had been ready at the time appointed, but were not attended by the Clerke of the Councill with the Journall.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill,

Mr Speaker, His Honnr, the Lieut Governour, requires the Attendance of this h^{os} at the house of Mr Smith Immediately.

Mr Speaker for Vindication of himself & this h^{os} desired the following Entry might be made in the Journall of this h^{os} And upon the Question put, it past in the Affirmative. Viz^{t}: That on Fryday the tenth Instant when an Engrost Bill Intitled An Act for raising £3000 for her Maj^{ties} Service, which money was intended for raising, paying, & maintaining two hundred Volunteers to go on this present Expedition for Canada was read in the house the third time, Elisha Lawrence & Gershom Mott Representatives for the County of Monmouth who are not Quakers Voted against it so that they Joyned with the Quakers (who for Conscience Sake were always Expected to Vote against it) Made a Majority to reject the Bill Whereas had those two Gent^{lm} who were no Quakers & who all along voted for it till that time had they voted for it still the bill had past by a Majority of Votes.

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Mr Speaker Asked those two Genl^{ts} w^{t} was the matter that they who had all along been so forward for it did now Vote against it, did they desire any Amendm^{ts} to it or did they dislike anything in it. Its like the h^{os} would comply with them as far as possible, that such a Great & Noble designe might not be dissappointed after the Country had been at so much trouble and charge to forward it. They answered they Voted against the whole Bill.

It is to be noted that those two Genl^{ts} with others had Signed An Address to Coll Nicollson to take the Chief Command of Our Men & Yet Voted against both Menn & Money at the Last.

A Message By the Clerke of the Councill,

Mr Speaker, I am Commanded by His Honnr. the Lieut Governo^{r} to acquaint this H^{os} againe that his honnr. requires the Attendance of this House Imediately at the house of Mr Smith.

Mr Speaker Accordingly left the Chaire & with the h^{os} attended his honnr. the Lieut Govn^{r}.

His Honnr was pleased to adjourn this Assembly till the twenty Eighth day of July next to meet at Burlington.

BURLINGTON DIE JOVIS 23° Junii 1.709

According to his honnr the Lieut Governour's Proclamation the house mett.

Ordered that Capt Harrison and Mr Eldridge wait on his honnr the Lieut Governo^{r} & acquaint him that the house is mett.

Cap^{t} Harrison reported that Mr. Eldridge & himself had waited on the Lieut Gov^{r} with the above Message And that his honnr said he had not any business for them tonight but desired the H^{os} to adjourn till Early tomorrow morning.

The House adjournd till morrow 8 h^{a} A. M.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 24° Junji 1.709

Ordered that Capt^{n} Morris & Mr Cripps wait on his honnr the Lieut Governo^{r} & acquaint him the h^{os} is met and attends his honnrs pleasure.

Capt Morris Reported that Mr Cripps & himself had waited on the L^{t} Goven^{r} with the above message.

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A Message from the L^{t} Govern^{r} by the Clerke of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

His Honnr, requires the attendance of this house Immediately

Mr Speaker accordingly left the Chaire & with the h^{os} attended his honnr the Lieut Govern^{r} and being returned M^{r} Speaker Reported that his honnr had made them A Speech & Delivered him A Copy thereof.

Ordered the same be read pSently which was read accordingly And is as follows,

Gentlemen,

I have called You togeather againe that I may put Another opportunity into yo^{r} hands of doing whats yo^{r} Duty to her Maj^{tie} & the Service of the Country requires at Yo^{r} hands, & hope you will not be So much wanting to yo^{r} own Interest as to neglect it.

At Yo^{r} Last Meeting I find in Yo^{r} Votes a Reserve of Yo^{r} house for the raising of three thousand pounds for her Maj^{ties} Service.

This Gent^{lm} is now become a Debt from You to her Maj^{ty} & I think you have nothing else to do but to consider of the ways & means of raising it & that a proper Aplication of it be made for the raising & paying of Yo^{r} Quota of Men appointed by her Maj^{tie} for the Reduceing of Canada.

All that I shall further say to You Is to Recomend Speed & Diligence in this affair & that You would lay aside all other business at this Season her Maj^{ties} Service requiring my Speedy attendance At Albany, And when wee shall have and Opportunity of meeting againe I do assure You there is nothing that can really tend to her Maj^{ties} Service & the Prosperity of this Country that you shall Represent to me but Shall be Readily Comply'd withall.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill,

Mr Speaker, I am commanded by his honnr the Lieut Governo^{r} to acquaint this h^{os} that his honnr has rec^{d} Severall Letters from Albany relating to the present Expedition which he hath sent by me to be communicated to this house.

Ordered

Ordered the same be read presently and were read accordingly.

Mr Lawrence & Mr Mott desir'd their Reasons which they had drawn up in Writing, why they voted against the Bill (last Sitting) for raising £3,000 for her Majties Service might be read & Entered in the Journalls of this House.

Ordered the same be read And was read accordingly.

Upon the Question put whether the above reasons given in by Mr Lawrence & Mr Mott should be Entered in the Journalls of this house it past in the Negative.

The House Resolved its self into A Committee of the whole hos to consider of his honnrs Speech and after Some time Spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, and Mr Gardner Reported from the sd Committee that they had taken his honnrs Speech into Consideration, particularly that part for raising money to carry on the present Expedition against Canada And yt the said Committee had Resolved that the Bill for Raising money and the bill for Encouraging Volunteers be two Distinct Bills.

The House Adjournd till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Motion being made & the Question put whether the hos did agree to the Resolve of the Committee of the whole hos of the forenoon it past in the affirmative.

Ordered that Captn Morris Mr Mott & Mr Kay be a Committee to prepare and bring in A Bill for the raising of £3,000 for her Majties Service in this present juncture.

Ordered that Mr Royse Mr Treat & Mr Middleton be a Committee for preparing & bringing in a Bill for the Encouragement of Volunteers.

The hos adjourned till tomorrow 9 ha A. M.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 1.709

Capt Morris from the Committee appointed for yt purpose brot in a Bill Entitled An Act for Raising 3000 Pounds, for her Majties Service in this present Juncture.

Ordered, the Same be read, which was read accordingly, AND Ordered a Second Reading in the afternoon.

Ordered that the Secretary attend this hos at three a Clock in the afternoon.

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Capt Farmer from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill Entitled An Act for the Enforcing the Currancey of Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds.

Ordered the same be read, which was read accordingly,

AND ordered a Second Reading in the afternoon.

Ordered that Capt Farmer Capt Harrison, Captn Parker, Capt Eldridge & Capt Morris be a Committee to Joyne with a Committee of the Councill to consult of propper officers for this Expedition agst Canada.

Ordered that Mr Treat and Mr Machilson wait on his Honnr the Lieut Governo^{r} & desire him to appoint A Committee of the Counsill to meet A Committee of this h^{o}s to Consult of proper Officers for the present Expedition agst. Canada.

The House adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd.

Capt Farmer Informed this H^{os} that he had discoursed, his honnr the L^{t} Govn^{r} considering the message of this H^{os}, sent to His Honnr by Mr Treat & Mr Matchilson in the forenoon & that his honnr was pleased to tell him he might acquaint the H^{os} that there would be no need of field Officers for our Quota of men & that if they were Divided into three Companys it would be Suffitient.

The Secretary according to Order attended this H^{os} and being asked by Mr Speaker whether Mr Forster, had given in Security for the due discharge of his Office as treasurer of this province for the last tax, he answered he did not know that he had given Security & that he did not look upon it as his business to draw the bond, but only to file the same in his Office when it should be sent him.

Ordered that Mr Speaker Mr Royse & Capt Parker or any two of them see that Mr Forster give Sufficient Security to the Queen for the due discharge of his Office as Treasurer for the last tax And that the same be transmitted into the Secrys Office.

Ordered that Mr Lyon & Mr Summers wait on his honnr the L^{t} Govnerno^{r} & Counsill & desire to know of them w^{t} is don in the two bills sent up to the Councill by this h^{os} the last Setting at Amboy, the one for preventing prosecutions by Information & the other for the paym^{t} of mony of the old Debts of this province.

The Bill Entitled An Act for raising £3000 for her Maj^{ties} Service in this pres^{t} Juncture was read the Second time and upon the question put was Ordered to be Engrost.

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The Bill Entitled An Act for the inforcing the Currancy of Bills of Credit for £3000 was read the Second time and referred till munday morning.

The House adjournd till Munday 8 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 27° Junji 1.709

Ordered the Bill Entitled an act for the Enforcing the curranty of Bills of Credit for £3,000 be Committed to Capt Parker, Capt Eldridge Mr Lyon, Capt Harrison & Mr Mott or any three of them.

Ordered that Mr Ray be joyned to the Committee for bringing in a Bill Entitled An Act for Encouragement of Volunteers.

The Engrost Bill, Entitled An Act for raising £3,000 for her Maj^{ties} Service in this present Juncture was Read the third time And upon the Question put whether the s^{d} Bill should pass or bee committed, it was carried, to be comitted.

Ordered the same be Comitted to Mr Kaighin, Capt Farmer, Mr Gardiner, Mr Lawrence, or any three of them.

The House adjournd till 3 h^{s} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Mr Royse from the Committee appointed for preparing and bringing in A Bill Entitled an Act for Encouragem^{t} of Volunteers, brot in a Bill for that purpose.

Ordered the same be Read, which was Read accordingly.

Ordered the Same be read againe tomorrow morning.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 28 Junji 1.709

The Engrossed Bill Entitled An Act for Inforcing the Currantcy of Bills of Credit was read And upon the Question put,

Resolved the s'd Bill pass.

Ordered Capt^{n} Harrison & Capt Eldridge carry up the s'd Bill to the Councill for their Concurrance.

The Bill Entitled An Act for Encouragement of Volunteers was Read the Second time & Comitted to Capt Morris, Mr Lawrence & Mr Sharp.

A Petition from Ann Kondall & John Ogburn Junr. praying leave to Sell Land, for paym^{t} of Debts was Read and referr'd till next Sessions.

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A Petition from Peter Blacksfield praying Reliefe on a Judgmt obtained against his h^{os} & Lands for a Supposed breach of his Recognisance.

Ordered Mr Secretary And the Said Peter Blacksfield attend this House at 3 A Clock in the afternoon.

The House adjourned till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejus^{d} Diei

Resolved the h^{os} will Resolve its self into a Committee of the whole h^{os} to consider of the Petition from peter Blacksfield.

The h^{os} accordingly Resolved its Self into A Committee of the whole h^{os} to consider of the said Peti^{on}. And after sometime Spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire and M^{r} Gardner Reported from the s^{d} Committee that M^{r} Secretary and M^{r} Blackfield attended the s^{d} Committee & that the Secretary had promised the s^{d} Blackfield should have a Copy of all the proceedings relating to the matters mentioned in the s^{d} Petition within 48 hours after, And not being time Enough this Sessions to Consider of it farther the s^{d} Committee of this H^{os} had Resolved that the same be referred till the next Sessions.

Upon the Question put whether the ho^{s} did agree to the resolves of the Committee, it past in the affirmative.

Cap^{t} Morris from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Encouragem^{t} of Volunteers to go on the Expedition to Canada was Committed.

Reported that they had gon through the s^{d} Bill & had made Severall Amendm^{ts} to the same which was read And upon the Question put was agreed too by the House.

Ordered the s^{d} Bill be Ingrost.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for the Encouragem^{t} of Volunteers was Read.

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered that M^{r} Lawrence & M^{r} Lyon carry up the above Bill to the Councill for their concurrance; And Enquire w^{t} is don on the two Bills sent up last Sitting.

AND that they wait on his honn^{r} the Lieut Governo^{r} & acquaint his honn^{r} the ho^{s} prays his honn^{r} would Commissionate John Harrison for Cap^{tn} and John Ruydiard for his first Lieut.

M^{r} Lawrence Reported that M^{r} Lyon and himself had waited on his honn^{r} the L^{t} Goven^{r} & Councill with the above message & that his hon^{r} answered they would send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

The House adjourned till tomorrow 8 h^{a} A. M.

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DIE MERCURII A. M. 29° 1.709

Ordered that Cap^{t} Morris, Rapier wait on his honn^{r} the L^{t} Governo^{r} & acquaint his hon^{r} this h^{os} had Dispatch all the business that Lay before them relating to the present Expedition & attended his honn^{rs} farther directions.

Cap^{t} Morris Reported that M^{r} Rapier & himself had waited on his honn^{r} the L^{t} Gov^{r} with the above message.

A message by W^{m} Pinhorne Esq^{re}

M^{r} Speaker,

The Councill have past the Bill Entituled An Act for Raising three thousand pounds for her Maj^{ties} Service in this present Juncture without any Amendm^{ts} And have made Severall Amendm^{ts} to the Bill Entituled An Act for the Inforcing the Currancy of Bills of Creditt for three thousand pounds & desired the Concurrance of this ho^{s} to the same.

Ordered the s^{d} Bill with the Amendments of the Councill be Read, which were Read accordingly, And upon the question put whether the ho^{s} did agree to the Amendm^{ts} for leaving out the word Generall before the word Assembly in the third and Eighteenth Lyne of the first folio & in the forth folio last line save one, it past in the Negative.

Upon the Question put whether the ho^{s} did agree to the rest of the Amendments it past in the affirmative.

Ordered that M^{r} Gardner & M^{r} Kinsey Carry up the s^{d} Bill to the Councill with the Amendm^{ts} of this ho^{s} to the Amendm^{ts} of the Councill & desired their Concurrance to the same.

M^{r} Gardner Reported that he had attended the Councill with the above Message.

The House adjournd till 3 h^{s} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message from the Councill by Roger Mompesson Esq^{r}.

M^{r} Speaker,

The Councill have sent me to acquaint this ho^{s} they have past the Bill Entituled An Act for the Incouragem^{t} of Volunteers to go on the present Expedition to Canada, they have made some Amendm^{ts} to the Bill Entituled An Act for the Ascertaining the Rates of mon'y for paym^{t} of Debts &c before

fore y^e^ first day of May in this pres^t^ year 1.709, and do insist on their Amendm^ts^ to the Act for the Inforcing the Currancey of Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds, and had appointed Peter Sonmans, Rob^t^ Qurry Esq^r^ & himself a Committee to mannage the same, and desired this ho^s^ to appoint A Committee to meet the s^d^ Committee of the Councill at the ho^s^ of George Willocks.

Ordered that Cap^t^ Farmer, M^r^ Gardner, Maj^r^ Harrison, M^r^ Kay & M^r^ Royse be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Councill.

Cap^t^ Farmer from the Committee appointed to meet the Committee of the Councill.

Reported the Councill had given in their Reasons for the adhering to their Amendments in Writing.

Ordered that Cap^t^ Morris & M^r^ Johnson do wait on the Councill & desire them to appoint A Committee of that Board to meet A Committee of this Ho^s^ on the Subject matter of the last Conferance, And that Cap^t^ Parker, M^r^ Kaighin, Cap^t^ Eldridge, M^r^ Lewis, & M^r^ Machilson be appointed to manage the same And that they meet presently at the ho^s^ of George Willoks.

M^r^ Johnson Reported that Cap^t^ Morris & himself had attended the Councill w^th^ the above message.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill.

M^r^ Speaker,

The Councill doth agree to the Conference desir'd by this H^os^ on the Subject-matters of the Last Conferance & have appointed Roger Mompeson Esq^r^ Peter Sonmans Esq^r^ & Co^l^ Rob^t^ Quarry to be A Committee to Manage the same to meet Imediately at the L^t^ Governours.

M^r^ Parker from the Committee appointed for meeting A Committee of the Councill.

Reported that they had attended accordingly with the reasons of this H^os^ for not agreeing to the Amendments of the Councill.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill.

M^r^ Speaker,

I am commanded by his honn^r^ the Lieut Governo^r^ to acquaint this ho^s^ that board have appointed a Committee to meet the

the Committee of the house in a free Conference on the Subject matter of the Last Conferance to meet Imediately at his honnrs house.

Ordered that Majr Harrison, Capt Farmer, Mr Royse Mr Gardner & Mr Kay be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Councill in A free Conferance on the Subject matter, of the last Conferance & desire place might be appointed for debating the same.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

The Councill have appointed the hos of George Willoks to meet the Committee of the house in.

Capt Farmer from the Committee appointed for meeting the Committee of the Councill.

Reported They had had a free conferance with the Committee of the Councill on the Subject matters of the former Conferances, And that the Committee of the Councill did Insist on the Amendmts of the Councill & that their Chief Argument was from the Governors Instructions.

Upon the question put whether the hos did agree to the Amendmts of the Councill to the Bill Entituled an Act for Assertaining the Rates of mony &ca or not It past in the Negative.

Upon the Question put, whether the Argumts of the Councill be Sufficient to maintain the Amendmts disagreed to by this House on the Bill Entituled An Act for Enforcing the Currancey of Bills of Credit &ca, It past in the Negative.

Ordered That Mr Eldridg & Mr Lyon Return the Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the Rates of money &ca to the Councill for their Concurrance.

The House adjourned till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 30 Junii 1.709

Upon the Question put whether Capt Parker, his leaving this Hos without leave be a Contempt of the hos, It past in the Affirmative—Nemine Contradicente.

Ordered the same be taken into consideration next Sitting.

Mr Eldrid Reported that Mr Lyon & himself had returned the Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the rates of money &c.

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A Message by the Clerk of the Council,

Mr Speaker,

The Council are not Satisfyed wth the Reasons Offered at the Conference against the Amendmts made by the Councill to the Bill Entituled An Act for the Enforcing the Currancy of Bills of Credit, for three thousand pounds, for the Councill thinks her Majties Instructions ought to be observed And that Govr Councill & Assembly Constitute A Generall Assembly and not the hos of Representatives alone.

But that Her Majties Affaires may not Suffer in this present Expedition against Canada, the Council do not Insist in their Amendments to that Bill.

Ordered the sd Bill be Ingrost wth the Amendmts of the Council agreed to by this Hos.

Which was Ingrost accordingly.

AND Ordered that Mr Machilson & Mr Treat Return the Same.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill,

Mr Speaker,

His honnr Requires the attendance of this hos Imediately.

Mr Speaker accordingly left the Chaire & wth the hos attended his honnr the Lieut Governor And being Returned, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Reported that his honnr the Lt Governour had been pleased to give his assent to the Severall Bills following vizt

A Bill Entituled An Act for Raising three thousand pounds for her Majties Service in this present Juncture.

A Bill Entituled An Act for Inforcing the Currantey of Bills of Credit for three thousand Pounds, AND

A Bill Entituled An Act for the Incouragement of Volunteers to go on the Expedition to Canada.

AND that his honnr was pleased to Adjourn the assembly till the first day of Novembr next to meet at Burlington.

The House accordingly Adjourned ItSelf till the first day of November next to meet at Burlington.

THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY.

MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

BURLINGTON,
Novemb^{r} the 21^{o} 1.709

His Honn^{r} the Lieu^{t} Governo^{r} was pleased to Adjourn this Assembly till tomorrow morning tenn a Clock.

DIE MARTIS 22^{o} November 1.709

The Members not being
His Honn^{r} the Lieut Gov^{r} Adjourn^{d} the Assembly till tomorrow morning tenn A Clock.

DIE MERCURII 23 Novemb 1.709

The Members not being met.
His Honn^{r} Adjournd the Assembly till tenn a Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE JOVIS 24^{o} Novemb.

The Members not being mett,
His honn^{r} Adjourn'd the Assembly till tenn A Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE VENERIS 25^{o} 1.709

The Members not being mett,
His honn^{r} Adjourned the Assembly till tenn A Clock tomorrow.

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DIE SABBATI 26 Novr 1.709

The Assembly not being mett,
His Honnr Adjourn'd the same till tenn a Clock Munday next.

DIE LUNAE 26 November 1.709

The Assembly not being met,
His Honnr Adjourned the Same till tomorrow tenn A Clock,

DIE MARTIS, 29o Novr 1.709

The Assembly not being met,
His Honnr Adjourned the Same till tomorrow tenn A Clock,

DIE MERCURJI 30 Novr 1.709

The Members who attended the service of this house being Qualified according to Law & not having time to Choose A Speaker that night,
His Honnr Adjourned the Assembly till tomorrow Nine A Clock,

DIE JOVIS 1o Decemr 1.709

The Members being met they did by the Majority of Voices Choose John Kay to be their Speaker, & did Conduct him to and place him in the Chaire accordingly.
Ordered that Peter Fretwell & Elisha Lawrence wait on his Honnr the Lieut Governor & acquaint him the hos have Chosen Mr Kay to bee their Speaker & desire to know when his honnr will be waited upon by this House.
Mr Fretwell,
Reported that Mr Lawrence and himself had waited on his honnr the Lieut Governor with the above message.
A Message by the Ck of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

His Honnr the Lieut Govr Requires the Attendance of this House Immediately.
Mr Speaker accordingly left the Chaire and with the hos attended his honnr who was pleased to approve of the Speaker.
Mr Speaker Reported, had made them a favourable Speech & had given him A Copy of the Same And that he had desired

desired the Usuall & Accustimable Rights & Privileges belonging to this hos Might be Confirmed to them.

Which his honnr was pleased to Grant.

Ordered his Honnrs Speech be read, which was read accordingly And referred to farther Consideration.

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Ordered Mr Secretary attend this hos at three A Clock this Afternoon with the writts & returns of Members to Sett in this Present Assembly.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Mr Secretary According to Order attended the hos with the Writts & returns of the Members to Sitt in this Present Assembly.

Ordered that Capt Price & Mr Sharp attend his honnr with Tho Shephard One of the Members Returned to Serve in this Assembly for the Qualafying him as the Law Directs.

Mr Sharp

Reported that Mr Price & himself had attended his honnr with Mr Shephard & that he had taken the Oaths & Subscribed as the Law directs.

The House having perused the Returns of Members to sett in this Assembly, finding there is a double return of Members to Serve for the Town of Burlington.

Ordered That Mr Wheeler & Mr Gardner attend this Hos tomorrow morning nine A Clock.

The Hos Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 2o Decem 1.709.

Mr Wheeler and Mr Gardner attended according to order.

Mr Secretary desired admittance.

Ordered he be admitted.

Ordered the Clerk of the crown attend this Hos at three a Clock, this afternoon, with all the writts and returns of members to set in assembly of this Province since the Governmt came undr the Crown, Returned for the Town of Burlington.

The Hos Adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

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P. M. Ejusd diei.

The Clerk of the Crown attended according to order.

A Petition from Peter Sonmans Esq^{r} Complaining an undue Election last of Representatives for the Town of Perth Amboy was read.

Ordered it Lay on the Table for farther consideration.

Ordered that Peter Sonmans Esq^{r} attend this Ho^{s} with Such Evidence as he can produce for proving the Allegations set forth in his Petition.

The H^{os} Resolved into A Committee of the whole Ho^{s} to consider of the Election of the Representatives to Serve in this Assembly for the Town of Burlington And after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them Referr'd, And that he was directed to move they might have leave to set againe.

Ordered the h^{os} will Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole ho^{s} tomorrow morning nine A Clock.

Ordered that Coll Cox Samuel Furnis Esq M^{r} Wheeler & M^{r} Gardner attend this ho^{s} tomorrow at 9 a Clock,

The House adjourned till tomorrow 9 A Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 3° Decem^{bs} 1.709

Peter Sonmans Esq^{r} according to ord^{r} attended this Ho^{s} and offered Severall reasons against the last Election of Representatives for the Town of Amboy—Return'd to serve in this Assembly which being Replyed to by M^{r} Gordon one of the Elected s^{d} Sonmans withdrew.

The Ho^{s} according to ord^{r} resolved into A Committee of the whole Ho^{s} to consider farther of the last Election of Representatives to serve in this Assembly for the Town of Burlington, And after some time Spent therein M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the said Committee that Coll Cox, Samuel Furnis Esqr, M^{r} Wheeler & M^{r} Gardner had attended the said Committee, And Likewise Reported from the s^{d} Committee that haveing heard and consider'd the reasons & argum^{ts} offered on both sydes the s^{d} Committee had Resolved that there being some Irregularities in both Return's y^{t} the s^{d} Returns be declared Void, & set aside And that His Honn^{r} the L^{t} Governo^{r} be apply'd, too for his Issueing out A writt for the Electing of two members for the Town of Burlington to set in this Assembly.

Motion being made & the Question put whether the Ho^{s} did agree

agree to the Resolves of the Committee, it past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that Mr Kaighin & Mr Lawrence wait on his honnr the Lt Goverr & desire his honnr would be pleased forthwith to Issue out a writt to the Shrfft of the County of Burlington for the Electing two Members for the Town of Burlington to serve in this Assembly.

Mr Lawrence Reported that Mr Kaighin & himself had waited on his honnr with the above message, and that his Honnr answered he would consider of it, & give the Hos an answer.

Ordered That Mr Fretwell & Capt Duncan appoint Peter Sonmans Esqr that this hos is upon the Consideration of the Petition given in by him to this Hos and desire him forthwith to produce to this Hos his Evidence for proving his allegations.

The House having taken into Consideration his Honnrs Speech.

Ordered that Capt Rice, Mr Lawrence, Mr Fretwell, Mr Kaighlin Mr Duncan & Mr Sharp be a Committee to draw up an Address to His Honnr.

Mr Fretwell Reported that Capt Duncan & himself had Delivered the Message of this Hos to Peter Sonmans and that he answered he would attend the hos in half an hour.

Peter Sonmans Esqr attended accordingly & the hos having heard his Proofs & reasons And Mr Gordon & Mr Harrison having made their Reply,

Motion being made & the Question put whether the petition of the sd Peter Sonmans should be dismist or not It past in the Affirmative.

The Hos Adjournd Till Munday next tenn A Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 5° Decemr 1.709

The House Adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

A Message from his honnr The Lieut by the Clerk of the Councill,

Mr Speaker,

His honnr having Recd a Verball Message from this Hos Satturday Last desires, for avoiding mistakes, he may have it in Writing.

Ordered

Ordered that Mr Fretwell & Capt Duncan wait on His Honnr & desire him to Let the Hos have a perusall of that part of his Instructions Relating to the Election of Members to set in this House or that the Hos may have a Copy of the Same.

Captn Duncan Reported that Mr Fretwell & himself had waited On his Honnr with the above Message.

Ordered Candles be brot in.

The Clerke of the Councill Laid before this Hos a Copy of his Honnrs Instructions desired by this House.

Ordered that the Message of this Hos of Satterday last to his honnrs be put in Writing & that Mr Lewis & Mr Mott Carry up the Same to his honnr.

Mr Lawrence from the Committee Appointed for drawing up an address to his Honnr

Reported they had drawn up the same which he laid on the Table.

Ordered the same be read,

Which was Read accordingly,

AND Ordered to be Engrost.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 6 Decr 1.709

Mr Lewis Reported that Mr Mott & himself had waited on his honnr with the Message of this Hos in writing.

The Address to his honnr the Lt Govr being read—

Upon the Question put whether the sd Address should pass as it was Last read in the Hos,

It past in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

Ordered Mr Sharp & Mr Laurence wait on his honnr & desire he would be pleased to Let the hos know Wn his Honnr will be attended on by this Hos with their address.

Ordered Mr Fretwell & Mr Mott wait on his Honr the Lt Governor with Mr John Johnston One of the Members return'd to Serve in this Assembly for his taking the Oaths & Subscribing as the Law directs.

Mr Lawrence Reported That Mr Shephard & himself had waited on his honnr with the message of this hos And that his honnr answered he would acquaint the Hos when the Councill Satt.

Mr Fretwell Reported That Mr Mott & himself had waited on his Honnr with Mr Johnson & that he had taken the Oaths and Subscribed as the Law directs.

A Message from his Honnr By the Clerke of the C ouncill Requiring the Hos to attend him Immediately.

Mr

Mr Speaker,

Accordingly, with the Hos attended his honnr & being returned Mr Speaker Reported—That he had presented the Address of this House to his Honnr the Lieut Govr, who was pleased favourably to Receive the Same.

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole hos to consider wt Bills were proper to be past into Laws, And after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chaire and Mr Fretwell Reported.

from sd Committee that it was Resolved, that this Hos Order the Clerke of the Crown to attend this Hos with all the Bills sent up by this Hos to the Councill & not past into Laws, Since the beginning of the Lord Lovelace his Governmt.

AND farther Reported that the sd Committee had made some progress in the matters to them referred & that he was Directed to move that they may have leave to Sit againe.

Upon the question put whether the hos did agree to the Resolve of the Committee

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Crown attend this Hos at three A Clock in the Afternoon with all the Bills Sent in by this hos to the Councill & not past into Laws Since the begining of the Lord Lovelace his Govermnt.

Resolved, That this House Will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole Hos

At 3 ha P. M.

A Message from his Honnr the Lieut Governor in Councill by the Clerke of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

I am Commanded by his honnr in Councill that the Message of this House, dated the fifth of Decemr, having been debated very fully, Before his honnr the Lt Governr in Councill, That Board are of opinion Nemine Contradicente, That the Town of Burlington should by Her Majties Instructions Choose two Members for the Town, & therefore that the Shrffe no proper Officer to make the return being properly an Officer of the County and not of the Town.

And to prevent any Disputes for the future to what Magistrate or Officer of the town the writt should be directed, the Board do think it proper that the returns be made by the Constable.

AND his Honnr hath Caused the writt to be directed accordingly. And the Rather because it is agreeable to a Late Determination

Determination of this Hos of Representatives on the Election for Perth Amboy.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Mr Bass attended this Hos & acquainted them that wt Bills he had where in his Custody as Secretary of the Province & could not produce them to the house without his Honnr the Lt Governrs leave.

Ordered That Mr Fretwell & Mr Lawrence wait on his honnr the Lt Governor & Desire his honnr to Ordr the Secretary to lay before this Hos All the Bills Sent in by this Hos to ye Councill & not passed into Laws, Since the begining of the Lord Lovelace his Govermnt

Mr Fretwell Reported,

That Mr Lawrence & himself had waited on his honnr with the above Message, And that his Honnr Answered, If the Hos would Send their Clerke to the Secys Officer he might take Copys of the Bills desired by the House.

Ordered the Clerke take A Copy of the Bill for Regulating of Fees, And one other preventing prosecutions pr Informations.

According to Order,

The House Resolved itSelf into A Committee of the hole House to Consider of Bills were proper to be past into Laws, And also to Consider of his honnrs Speech and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, AND Mr Fretwell Reported from the sd Committee that they had made Some progress in the matters to them referred, And that he was Directed to move that they might have leave to Set againe.

Ordered the Hos Resolve itSelf into a Committee of the whole Hos tomorrow morning Nine A Clock,

The Hos Adjourned till tomorrow 9 ha

DIE MERCURII A. M. 7o Decr 1.709

The House according to Order.

Resolved into A Committee of the whole hos & after some Spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, AND Mr Fretwell Reported from the sd Committee that they had Resolved that there be Committees appointed for preparing & bringing in the Severall Bills following Vizt

A

A Bill for Explaining & Rendering more Effectuall An Act for Support of her Majᵗᶦᵉˢ Governᵗ of New Jersey for one Year.

A Bill Regulating Fees.

A Bill for preventing Prosecutions by way of Information.

A Bill for Dividing of Countys.

A Bill for Regulating of Highways,

A Bill for Regulating of Fences,

A Bill for building of Court Hᵒˢ & Jayles,

A Bill for Reviving Gloster Court,

A Bill for Regulating Attorneys at Law

A Bill for Recording of Deeds.

Upon the Question put whether the Hoˢ did agree to to the Resolves of the Committee of the whole House,

It past in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned till 3 hᵃ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Petition of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Township of Eversham was Read,

Ordered the same be Referred to the Committee to be appointed for preparing & bringing in a Bill for Regulating highways.

Ordered That A Bill bee prepared for Settling the Right of the Generall Proprietors & other Purchasers under them.

A Petition from the Town of Piscataqua was read.

Ordered the same be referred to farther Consideration.

Ordered that Candles bee brought in.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 hᵃ A. M.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 8ᵒ Decʳ 1.709

Ordered a Bill be prepared for Setling the Representatives fees.

Ordered that Mʳ Kaighin, Mʳ Lambert, Mʳ Lewis Capᵗ Price, John Johnston & Gershom Mott be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Severall Bills following

Vizᵗ

A Bill for Explaining & Rendering more Effectuall An Act for Support of Her Majᵗᶦᵉˢ Governᵐᵘᵗ of New Jersey for one Yeare.

A Bill for Regulating of Fees,

A Bill for preventing prosecutions by way of Informations.

Ordered that Mʳ Gordon, Mʳ Harrison, Mʳ Sharp, Mʳ Fitz Randolph

Randolph & Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Severall Bills following Vizt

A Bill for Settling the Rights of the Generall proprietors & other purchasers undr them.

A Bill for building Court Hoses & Joyles.

A Bill for Settling the Representatives Fees.

Ordered that Mr Fretwell, Mr Duncan, Mr Shephard Mr Dennis & Mr Lawrence be a Committee to prepare & bring in the Severall Bills following Vizt

A Bill for Recording of Deeds,

A Bill for Regulating of Fences.

A Bill for Reviving of Gloster Court.

The Hos Adjourned till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 9o Decr 1.709

Ordered That Mr Fretwell and Mr Lawrence wait on his honnr the Lt Governor with Mr Jacob Spicer, One of the Members Returned to Serve in this Assembly For his takeing the Oaths & Subscribing as the Law directs.

Ordered that Mr Dennis have Leave to go home it being on Extraordinary Occasions & that he attend the Service of the Hos tuesday morning next.

Ordered that the Comissrs appointed for managing the Late Expedition against Canada, and the Signers of the three thousand pounds Bills of Credit forthwth Appear before this hos with their Accts & Vouchers,

Mr Fretwell Reported that Mr Lawrence & himself had waited on his Honnr the Lt Governor wth Capt Spicer And that he had taken the Oaths & Subscribed as the Law directs.

Ordered that the Sergt at Armes attending this Hos take into his Custody Mr Treat & Mr Van Buskerk & bring them before this Hos forthwith.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 ha.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 10o Decr 1.709

Ordered that Capt Duncan & Mr Sharp attend his honnr the Lt Governr with Mr Robt Wheeler & Mr Wm Bustell two Members returned to Serve in this Assembly for their takeing their Oaths & Subscribing as the Law directs.

Mr Sharp Reported That Capt Duncan & himself had waited on his Honnr with Mr Wheeler & Mr Bustell & that they had taken ye Oaths & Subscribed as the Law directs.

Mr

Mr Lamber from the Committee appointed for preparing & bringing in Severall Bills,

Brought in a Bill Entitled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations.

Ordered the same be read, wch was read accordingly.

Ordered the same be read Tewsday Morning next.

A Petition from Anne Kendall & John Ogborn was read

Ordered the same be referr'd to farther Consideration.

The House Adjournd till Munday next 3 ha P. M.

DIE LUNAE A.M. 12o Decr 1.709

The House Adjournd for an hour.

The House Mett according to adjournment.

Ordered That the Treasurer, The Commissary & Capt Lukar attend this House forthwith with the Muster Rolls & other books Papers & Accts Relating to their Severall Employments in the Late Expedition against Canada,

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 13o Decr 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations was read the Second time.

AND Ordered to be Engrost,

A Petition from the Township of Northampton & part of the Township of Eversham was read,

Ordered the sd petition be referr'd to the Committee to be appointed for prepareing a Bill for Regulating of Highways,

Upon Application made, the Hos for their Assistance by the Committee appointed for preparing & bringing in a Bill for Explaining & Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Majties Governmt of New Jersey for one Year

Resolved that the Hos will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole Hos tomorrow morning nine A Clock to consider of the above Bill.

Ordered that the Committee appointed for Preparing & bringing in A Bill for Settling the Rights of the Generall Proprietors & other Purchasers undr them have power to send for Persons, Books, Papers & Records.

The House adjourn'd till three A Clock,

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P. M. EjusD Diei.

Mr Gordon from the Committee appointed for that purpose, Brought in A Bill Entituled

An Act for Settling & Confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Western Division of this Province & other Purchasers under them, An Other Bill Entituled an Act for Settling & Confirming the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Province & other Purchasers of ym And one other Bill Entituled An Act for Building, Repairing of Joyles & Court houses, in this Province

Ordered the sd Bills be read.

Which were Read accordingly And referr'd to farther Consideration.

Mr Fretwell from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for acknowledging & Recording of Deeds within Each Respective County of this Province.

Mr Sharp from the Committee appointed for that purpose Brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the Representatives fees of Genl Assembly.

Mr Gorden by Leave of the Hos Brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for amending An Act Entituled An Act for preventing of Swine running at Large.

Ordered the sd Bills be read and were read accordingly.

And Ordered to be read againe tomorrow in the Afternoon.

A Petition from Isaac Decon & Wm Burg Complaining of An undue return for the Town of Burlington was read,

AND Ordered the Consideration of the Same be referred till tomorrow in the Afternoon.

The House Adjourn'd till Nine A Clock tomorrow morning.

DIE MARTURIS A. M. 14o Decrs 1.709

The House according to Order

Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole House to Consider of A Bill for Explaining & Rendering more Effectuall the act for Support of Her Majties Governmt of New Jersey for One Year and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire,

AND Mr Fretwell Reported from the sd Committee that the sd Committee had Resolved that this Hos hath power to dispose of any part of the Money Granted by the Act Entituled An Act for Support of her Majties Governmt of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey for One yeare.

Upon

Upon the Question put whether the H^os did agree to the Resolves of the Committee

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered it bee an Instruction to the Committee appointed for preparing and bringing in the s^d Bill.

A Letter from M^r Treat making his Excuse for not attending the H^os, was Read.

The House adjourned till 3 h^a P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Petition from John Tennisson Complaining of An Undue Election for the County of Somerset was read,

Ordered the Same be referrd till farther consideration,

M^r Johnston by Leave of the h^os Brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for punishing Corrupt Officers in Courts of Justice,

Ordered the same be Read, w^ch was read accordingly,

The Bill Entituled An Act for acknowledging & Recording of Deeds within Each respective County of this Province was read the Second time,

And Recommitted to M^r Gordon, M^r Sharp, M^r Spicer M^r Smith, M^r FizRandolph & M^r Harrison,

The Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly was read the Second time And Ordered to be Engrost.

The Bill Entituled An Act for amending An Act Entituled An Act for Preventing of Swine running at Large was Read the Second time And recommitted to M^r Lawrence, M^r Fretwell & M^r Shephard.

The Petition from Isaac Decon & W^m Burg Complaining of An undue Election for the Town of Burlington was read, & upon the Question put, whether it should be Rejected or not?

It past in the Affirmative.

The Petition from John Tunisson Complaining of An undue Return for Somerset County was Read, And upon the Question put was Rejected;

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 15 Dec^r 1.709

A Letter from Cap^t Parker makeing his Excuse for not attending this House was Read,

Ordered the House Resolve itself into A Committee of the whole Ho^s Thursday next to consider of the petition from Ann Kendall & John Ogburn.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^a P. M.

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P. M. Ejusd Diei

Mr Gordon from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Recording of Deeds within Each Respective County of this Province,

Reported that they had gon through the sd Bill & had made Severall Amendmts to the Same which he read in his place & Laid on the Ck Table,

And was afterward, read in the Hos.

A Petition from Jeremiah Bass Esqr Secy of this Province praying he might be heard by himself or Councill on the above Bill was Read,

Ordered that he attend the Committee of the whole Hos by himself or Councill tomorrow morning at nine A Clock,

Mr Fretwell from the Committee appointed for that Purpose brot in A Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving Courts of Sessions & Common pleas in the County of Gloster with the proceedings of the Same.

And one other Bill for the regulating of Fences which were read,

Mr Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose Brought in A Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating & appointing the ffees of the Severall Officers & Courts of this Province of New Jersey.

Which was Read

Capt Farmer, Mr Hud & Mr Pike attended according to order,

Ordered that they attend the Committee of the whole Hos at five A Clock this afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till 5 ha

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The Hos Resolved into a Committee of the whole Hos Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire And Mr Fretwell Reported, from the sd Committee, that Capt Farmer, Mr Hud & Mr Pike had attended according to order.

And that the sd Committee had resolved that upon ye Arrivall of the Treasurer & other Officers Employd on the Late Expedition against Canada, that have been sent for by yos Hos.

The House will Resolve itself into A Committee of the whole Hos And apply to His Honnr the Lt Governor for his appointing. A Committee of the Councill to joyne with the said Committee for their takeing & Examg of all the accts & charges reating to the Late Expedition against Canada,

Upon

Upon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Resolves of the Committee. It past in the affirmative.

The House adjourn'd till morrow morning 9^{o} h^{a}.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 16 Decemb 1.709

The House Resolved into A Committee of the whole House to consider of the Secy^{s} Petition, & after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee, that M^{r} Sec^{y} had attended according to ord^{r} & that they had made some progress in the matters to them referr'd, & that he was directed to move that they might have Leave to Set againe,

Ordered the H^{os} Resolve itself into A Committee of the Whole House at 3 h^{a} P. M.

This haveing Rec^{d} an Excuse from Capt^{n} Parker one of the Members & another from the Treasurer for their not giveing their attendance According to Order.

Resolved this House doth not allow of the s^{d} Excuses.

Ordered that Cap^{tn} Parker & the Treasurer with the other Officers who are required to attend this Ho^{s} appear before this Ho^{s} Wednesday next at three A Clock,

A Letter from M^{r} Andrew Van Buskirk making his Excuse for not giving his Attendance to this H^{os} was Read,

The Serg^{t} At Armes attending this House Reported that according to Orders of this H^{os} he had been wth M^{r} Treat & M^{r} Van Buskirk for the bringing them before this House & that M^{r} Treat was sick and M^{r} Van Buskirk was Lame. That he had rec^{d} his fees from M^{r} Treat And desired the Directions of the House for his recovering those due to him from M^{r} Van Buskerk.

Ordered that M^{r} Lawrence Van Buskerk for his not acquainting this H^{os} with the Reasons of his Absence before he was Served with an Ord^{r} of this H^{os} & for his Slight usage of the Officer of this H^{os} being for that taken into Custody by the Serg^{t} at Armes & brought before the Barr of this H^{os} to answere his contempt.

Ordered M^{r} Harrison have Leave to goe home it being on Extraordinary Occasions & that he attend the House Thursday next.

The House adjournd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

The H^{os} Resolved itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} to consider farther of the Secy's Petition to this H^{os}, And after some

some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chaire, And Mr Fretwell Reported from the sd Committee that they had Resolved that they think fitt the Hos proceed on the Bill for Recording of Deeds within each County.

Upon the Question put whether the House did agree to the resolve of ye Committee.

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the sd Bill bee Recommitted to the Committee that brought it Last in.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informa'ons was Read the third time.

Resolved the said Bill pass.

Ordered that Capt Duncan & Mr Sharp carry up the sd Bill to the Councill for their concurrance.

THE Bill Entituled An Act for the Regulating of Fees &c, was read the Second time & Committed to Mr Gordon, Mr Sharp, Mr Smith & Capt Spicer.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Fences was read the Second time and was Committed to the above Committee.

The House adjourn'd till 9 ha tomorrow morning.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 17o Decr 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for building and Repairing of Court hoses & Joyles was read the Second time & was Committed to Mr Gordon Mr Smith & Capt Spicer,

Capt Spicer by leave of the House brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining a place of Setting the Assembly.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving the Courts of Generall Sessions of the peace & Common pleas was read the Second time And Committed to Mr Fretwell, Mr Lawrence & Capt Duncan,

The House adjournd till Munday morning tenn A Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 19 Decr 1.709

A Letter from Mr Forster making his Excuse for not attending the Hos according to order of the 12 Instant was read,

Resolved that Mr Forster attend this Hos according to ordr of the 16 Instant

The House adjourn'd till 3 ha P. M.

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

M^r Sharp from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for regulating of Fences was Committed,

Reported that they had gon through the s^d Bill & had made severall Amendm^ts to the Same, which he read in his place, and layd on the Clerk's table, And was afterwards read in the H^ps & Recommitted the same Committee.

M^r Fretwell from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving the Courts of Generall Sessions of the Peace and Common pleas in Gloster County,

And an other Bill Entituled an Act for Amending the Act for preventing Swine running at Large were Committed.

Reported that they had gone through the s^d Bills & had made Severall Amendm^ts to them which he read in his place And was afterwards read in the House.

Ordered the Bill Entituled An Act for Revivmg of the Courts of Generall Sessions of the peace & Common Pleas in Gloster County be Engrost w^th the Amendm^ts.

Ordered the Bill Entituled An Act for Amending the Act for preventing Swine running at Large be Recommitted to M^r Gordon, M^r Sharp, & M^r Smith.

M^r Kaighin from the Committee appointed for that purpose brought in a Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining & Rendering more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Maj^ties Govern^mt of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey for one year, Which was Read.

M^r Sharp Reported that Cap^t Duncan & himself had carry'd up the Bill, Entituled An Act for preventing p'secu'ions by Information, to the Councill for their concurrance.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 h^a P. M.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 20 Dec^rs 1.709

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving & Continuing the Courts of Sessions & Common Pleas in the County of Gloster with the proceedings of the same was Read—

And upon the Question put,

Resolved the s^d Bill pass.

Ordered that M^r Kay & M^r Sharp carry up the s^d Bill to the Councill for their Concurrance.

M^r Gordon from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & appointing the fees of the Severall Officers and Courts of this Province of New Jersey was Committed,

Reported

Reported that they had gon thro' the s[d] Bill & had made severall Amendm[ts] to the Same which he read in his place & layd on the Table and was afterwards read in the H[os].

Upon the Question put whether the H[os] did agree to the Amendments.

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered the s[d] Bill be Engrost.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the place of Seting of the Representatives in Generall Assembly was Read the second time & Committed to M[r] Fretwell, Cap[t] Duncan M[r] Lambert & M[r] Lawrence.

The Bill Entituled An Act for settling & confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey & the purchasers under them, and another for the Western Division of s[d] p'vince were read the second time.

Ordered the Consideration of the s[d] Bills be Referred to farther consideration.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining & rendering more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj[ties] Govermn[t] of New Jersey for one year was read the Second time.

Resolved the h[os] will Resolve ItSelf into a Committee of the whole House at 3 h[a] P. M. to consider of the s[d] Bill.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h[a] P. M.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

The H[os] according to Ord[r] Resolved Itself into A Committee of the whole Ho[s] to consider of the Bill Entituled an act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the act for Support of Her Maj[ties] Goverm[t] of New Jersey for one year and after some time spent therein,

M[r] Speaker Resumed the Chaire and M[r] Fretwell Reported from the said Committee that they had made some progress in the matters to them referr'd and that he was directed to move that they might have leave to set againe.

Ordered that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning nine a Clock.

The house adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine H[a].

DIE MERCURII A. M. 21° Decem 1.709

Ordered the Ho[s] Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole H[os] at three a Clock in the afternoon.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 A Clock.

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei,

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of Chester was Read and Referr'd to farther Consideration.

The Ho^s according to Ord^r

Resolved into A Committee of the whole H^os to Consider of the Bill Entituled an Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Maj^ties Governm^t of New Jersey for one yeare, And after some time spent therein,

M^r Speaker Resumed the Chaire And M^r Fretwell

Reported from the said Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them Referr'd And that he was directed to move that they might have Leave to set againe,

Resolved that the Ho^s will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Ho^s fryday next in the afternoon to Consider farther of the said Bill.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating and appointing the fees of the Severall Officers and Courts of this Province of New Jersey was Read the third time,

Resolved the s^d Bill pass,

M^r Gordon from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Amending the Act for preventing Swine Running at Large And one other for Building and Repairing Joyles & Court h^oses were committed,

Reported,

That they had gon through the s^d Bills & had made severall Amendments to the Same which he read in his place.

And laid on the Clerk's table, And were afterwards read in the House.

Ordered the s^d Bills be Engrost,

Resolved,

That this H^os will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole H^os tomorrow morning nine a Clock For the taking Stateing & Examining all the Acc^ts & Charges of this Province Relating to the Late Expedition ag^st Canada, & for Enquiring into y^e Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds.

Ordered that M^r Fretwell, Cap^t Duncan. M^r Lawrence & M^r Wheeler wait on his honn^r the L^t Governo^r & desire his Honn^r to appoint a Committee of the Councill to Joyne with the Committee of the Whole H^os tomorrow morning nine a Clock for the taking, Stateing & Examining all the Acc^ts & Charges relating to the Late Expedition against Canada, And for Enquiring into the Bills of Credit for £3.000

M^r

Mr Fretwell Reported,
That Capt Duncan Mr Lawrence, Mr Wheeler & himself had waited on his honnr with the above Message,
And that his honnr was pleased to say he would Send the Hos an answer tomorrow morning.
The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning, 9 ha.

DIE JOVIS. A. M. 22 Decemr 1.709

A Message from his honnr The Lt Govr by the Clerk of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

His Honnr Commanded me to acquaint this Hos he had appointed A Committee of the Councill to Joyn with the Committee of this Hos at Eleven a Clock to meet at my Hos.

Ordered that Mr Fretwell & Mr Lawrence wait on his honnr the Lieut Governr & acquaint him that this Hos having desired his honnr to appoint a Committee of the Councill to Joyn with the Committee of the Whole House, this House desires they might meet at the usual place of Setting of this Hos.
Mr Fretwell Reported,
That Mr Lawrence & himself had waited on his Honnr wth the above message,
And that his Honnr Answered that when the Committee of the whole Councill was appointed to Joyne with the Committee of the whole Hos the usuall method is to appoint a third place of setting.
A Letter from Mr Hud making his Excuse for not attending this Hos was read—
A Message from his honnr by the Ck of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

His Honnr has Commanded me to acquaint this House, if the Committee do not approve of meeting at my Hos his honnr will appoint the Town Hos to meet at.

Resolved that the Committee of the whole Hos meet at the Secys House at Eleven A Clock.
The House according to Ordr
Resolved into A Committee of the whole Hos for takeing Stateing & Examining of all the Accts & Charges of this Province

Province relating to the Late Expedition agst Canada, And for Enquiring into the Bills of Creditt for three thousand pounds. And after some time Spent therein M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire & M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made Some progress in the matters to y^{m} Referr'd and that he was directed to move that they might Leave to set againe.

Resolved the house will Resolve itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} tomorrow morning tenn a Clock to consider as above.

The House adjourn'd till 4 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 A Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 23^{o} Decr 1.709

A Petition from Peter Blacksfield was read and referred till Tewsday next.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for building and repairing Joyles & Court Ho^{ses} in this province was read the third time.

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & appointing the fees of the Severall Officers & Courts of this Province was read the third time.

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

The Bill Entituled An Act for amending An Act for preventing Swine Running at Large were read the third time.

Resolved that the s^{d} Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for the Ascertaining the Representatives ffees in Generall Assembly was read y^{e} third time

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered M^{r} Fretwell M^{r} Lawrence & M^{r} Sharp carry up the above Bills to the Councill for their Concurrance.

M^{r} Fretwell Reported, That M^{r} Lawrence, M^{r} Sharp and himself had carryd up the above Bills to the Councill for their concurrance.

The House according to Ord^{r}

Resolved into a Committee of the whole H^{os} to Joyn with a Committee of the Councill for the takeing Stateing & Examining all the Acco^{ts} & charges of this Province Relating to the Expedition

Expedition ag^{ts} Canada & for Enquiring into the Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds, And after sometime Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire,

And M^{r} Fretwell Reported, from the s^{d} Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them referr'd And that he was directed to move that they might have leave to set againe.

Resolved that the H^{os} will Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Ho^{s} to Joyne with the Committee of the Councill tomorrow morning Nine A Clock to consider as above.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 A Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 24^{o} Decb^{r} 1.709

M^{r} Gordon from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating off fences was Committed.

Reported That they had gone through the s^{d} Bill, and had made severall amendments to the same which he read in his place and laid on the Table.

Ordered the s^{d} Bill be referr'd to farther consideration.

M^{r} Gordon from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for acknowledging & Recording of Deeds & Convayances within Each respective County of this Province was Committed,

Reported That they had gon through the s^{d} Bill & had made several Amendments to the same which he read in his place and laid on the Cl^{k} Table, And was afterwards read in the Ho^{s}, And upon the Question put whether the H^{os} Did agree to the amendments.

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered the s^{d} Bill be Engrost.

M^{r} Fretwell from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the place of the seting of the Representatives to meet in Generall Assembly was Committed.

Reported that they had gon through said Bill & had made severall Amendments to the Same which he read in his place & laid on the Clerk's Table, And was afterwards Read in the H^{os}.

Upon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amendments

It past in the affirmative,

Ordered that the s^{d} Bill be Engrost,

The House according to ord^{r}, Resolved Itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} to Joyne with the Committee of the Councill

Councill for takeing, Stateing and Examining of all the Acco^{ts} & Charges Relating to the Late Expedition agst Canada.

And Enquireing into the Bills of Creditt for three thousand pounds, And after some time spent therein, M^{r} Speaker resumed the Chaire, And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them Referred, And y^{t} he was directed to acquaint the House the s^{d} Committee was adjourn'd till Munday morning next nine a Clock.

Ordered the Committee meet according to their Adjournment.

The House Adjournd till 3 h^{a} Munday next.

DIE LUNAE 26 Decem 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for punishing Corrupt Officers in Courts of Justice was read the second time.

And upon the Question put whether the s^{d} Bill should be Committed or Rejected,

Resolved the s^{d} Bill be Rejected.

M^{r} Fretwell,

Reported that the Committee of the whole H^{os} had Joyned with the Committee of the Councill, according to Order for the takeing, Stateing and Examining all the Accounts & Charges relating to the Late Expedition against Canada And for Enquiring into the three thonsand pounds bills of Credit that they had made Some farther progress in the matters to them Referr'd,

And that he was Directed to acq^{t} this H^{os} the s^{d} Committee had adjournd till tomorrow morning tenn A Clock.

Resolved that the Committee of the whole H^{os} meet according to their adjournment.

A Second Petition from the Township of Eversham was Read & Referr'd till tomorrow.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Fences was Read with the Amendments & Recommitted to M^{r} Kaighin, M^{r} Sharp & M^{r} Mott,

Ordered that Cap^{t} Duncan Cap^{t} Price M^{r} Dennis M^{r} Harrison M^{r} Lawrence M^{r} Fretwell M^{r} Kaighin, M^{r} Smith & Cap^{t} Spicer prepare and bring in A Bill for Ascertaining the Boundaryes of the Countys.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 A Clock.

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DIE MARTIS A. M. 27° 1.709

Mr Kaighin from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for regulating of Fences was Committed,

Reported that they had gone through the sd Bill & had made severall Amendments to the same which he read in his place and Laid on the Ck Table, And were afterwards read in the Hos

Upon the Question put whether the Hos did agree to the Amendments as they were Last read in the Hos

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the said Bill be Engrost.

The Hos Adjournd till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Mr Fretwell Reported,

That according to ordr the Committee of the whole Hos had Joyned wth the Committee of the Councill that they had made some farther progress in the matter to them referr'd and that they had adjourn'd till tenn A Clock tomorrow morning.

Ordered the sd Committee meet according to the Adjournmt.

Resolved that all the Petitions that Lay before this Hos be referr'd till tomorrow in the afternoon.

The Hos Adjournd till tomorrow 9 A. M.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 28° Decr 1.709

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for acknowledging and Recording of Deeds and Conveyances within Each respective County of this Province was Read the third time.

Resolved that the sd Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled an act for Ascertaining the place of Setting of the Representatives to meet in Generall Assembly was Read the third time.

Resolved that the sd Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Fences was Read the third time.

Resolved that the sd Bill pass.

Ordered that Mr Laurence & Mr Fretwell carry up the above Bills to the Councill for their Concurrance.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 ha P. M.

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Mr Fretwell Reported that according to ordr the Committee of the whole Hos had Joyned wth the Committee of the Councill that they had made Some further progress in the matters to ym referr'd, And that they had adjourned till farther Order.

Mr Fretwell Reported,

That Mr Lawrence & himself had carry'd up the following Bills to the Councill for yr concurrance.

A Bill for Recording of Deeds & Conveyances within Each respective County of this Province.

A Bill for Ascertaining the place of setting the Representatives to meet in Generall Assembly.

A Bill for Regulating of Fences.

The House Resolved into a Committee of the whole Hos to Consider of the Petition of Ann Kendall & John Ogburn, And the Petition from Peter Blacksfield, And after sometime Spent therein, Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire, And Mr Fretwell Reported that they had made some progress in the matters to them referr'd, And that ye said Committee had Resolved that the Secry attend the Committee of the whole Hos tomorrow morning nine A Clock with the Records of the Courts & minutes of the Councill relating to the Cause Between the Queen & Peter Blacksfield.

Upon the Question put whether the House did agree to the Resolve of the Committee—it past in the Affirmative.

Ordered Mr Secy attend accordingly.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 29° Decrs 1.709

Mr Lawrence by Leave of the Hos Brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Stone Horses or Stalions

Which was Read,

Ordered a Second reading tomorrow morning,

The House according to Ordr

Resolved into A Committee of the whole House to Consider of ye Petition of Peter Blacksfield.

The Committee adjournd till 3 ha P. M.

P.

P. M. EjusD Diei

The Committee met according to Adjournm^{t} and after some time Spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chair And M^{r} Fretwell

Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them referr'd And that he was directed to move that they might have Leave to set againe.

Ordered that the H^{os} Resolve itSelf into A Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning at Eleven o'clock to consider farther of Peter Blacksfield's petition

The House according to Order Resolved into A Committee of the whole H^{os} to Consider of the Petition from Ann Kendall & John Ogborn & after sometime Spent therein, M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire, And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee that upon the reading and Examining of Severall Deeds, Accounts & other Writings the s^{d} Committee had, Resolved that they did not think fitt to take any farther Cognizance of the s^{d} Petition.

Upon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Resolve of the Committee

It past in the Affirmative.

A Petition from Alexander Griffith Esq^{r} was Read,

Ordered the s^{d} Petition bee referred to farther Consideration.

Resolved that the s^{d} H^{os} Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning nine A Clock to consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj^{ties} Governm^{t} of New Jersey for one year.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 h^{s} A. M.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 30° Dec^{rs} 1.709

Ordered that the Serg^{t} at Armes attend this Ho^{s} to take into His Custody M^{r} Thomas Fitz Randolph & M^{r} John Johnston two Members of this H^{os} & bring them before this H^{os} forthwith.

The bill entituled An act for Regulating of Stone horses or Stallions Runing at Large in this Province was Read the Second time & committed M^{r} Lambert, M^{r} Sharp & Cap^{t} Price.

The Bill Entituled An act for Setling & Confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Western Division of this

this Province and other Purchasers und^{r} them, was Read the Second time And Comitted to M^{r} Fretwell, M^{r} Lambert, M^{r} Sharp, M^{r} Kaighin and Cap^{tn} Spicer.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Setling and Confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Province and other Purchasers und^{r} them was Read the Second time.

And Committed to M^{r} Gordon M^{r} Lawrence M^{r} Mott Cap^{tn} Price And M^{r} Harrison.

The House according to Ord^{r} Resolved into A Committee of the whole H^{os} to Consider farther of the Bill, Entituled An Act for Explaining & rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj^{ties} Govermn^{t} of New Jersey for One yeare.

And after sometime Spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed the Chaire,

And M^{r} Fretwell Reported from the s^{d} Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them referr'd, And that he was directed to Move that they might have Leave to set againe,

Resolved the House Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} at five a Clock this afternoon to consider farther of the above bill.

Ordered the House Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole H^{os} tomorrow morning nine A Clock to consider farther of peter Blacksfield Petition.

The House adjourned till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The House according to Ord^{r} Resolved itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} to Consider of y^{e} Petitions from the Townships of Eversham and Northampton &, after some time spent therein M^{r} Speaker Resumed y^{e} Chaire and M^{r} Fretwell Reported that they had heard the Partyes concern'd in the s^{d} petitions And that the s^{d} Comittee had Resolved, the s^{d} Petitions be referred to farther Consideration—

Ordered that the s^{d} Petition be referr'd to farther Consideration.

Ordered the H^{os} Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole H^{os} tomorrow morning tenn A Clock to consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj^{ties} Govermn^{t} of New Jersey for One yeare.

The House adjourned till tomorrow 9 h^{a} P. M.

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DIE SABBATI A. M. 31° Decr 1.709

Mr Lawrence by leave of ye Hos Brought in A Bill Entituled An Act for the better Qualifying Representatives to serve in the Generall Assembly of this Province.

Which was Read.

The House according to Ordr Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole Hos to consider farther of the petions from Peter Blacksfield, and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire And Mr Fretwell Reported from the sd Committee,

That the sd Committee having Inspected the Books, Papers & Records Relating to the business set forth in the sd Petition it does not appear by the said Records that notice was given to Wm Plooby (for whom the sd Blacksfield was Security) that the sd Plooby should appear, according to the Condition of the Recognizance for which reason the sd Committee Were of opinion the whole procedure in that affair is void.

And farther Reported that the said Committee had Resolved that A Bill bee Brought in to Reverse the sd Judgment and Restore the Persons therein Concerned to their Estates.

Upon the Question put whether the Hos did agree to the Resolve of the Committee.

It past in the Affirmative

Ordered that Mr Gordon, Mr Sharp & Mr Kaighin prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Resolved that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole Hos at three a Clock in the afternoon to consider farther of the Bill for Explaining and Rendring more effectuall the Act for Support of Her Majties Governmt of New Jersey for One year,

The House adjourned till 3 ha P. M.

P. M. EjusD Diei

The House according to Order Resolved itSelf into A Committee of the whole Hos to consider further of the Bill, Entituled An Act for Explaining & rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Majties Goverm[t] of New Jersey for one Year

And after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire And Mr Fretwell Reported from the said That they had made some further p'gress in the matters to ym referr'd, and yt he was directed to move that they might have Leave to set againe.

Resolved

Resolved that the H^os^ Resolve Itself Into A Committee of the whole H^os^ munday next at three a Clock in the afternoon to consider farther of the s^d^ Bill.

The House Adjourn'd till Munday next tenn A Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 2^d^ January 1709

M^r^ Lawrence one of the members of the Comittee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Settling & Confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Province and other purchasers und^r^ them was committed, Laid the said Bill on the Table & acquainted the H^os^ that they had blotted out the whole of the s^d^ Bill (Except the title) which he thought was y^e^ best amendment they could make to it.

M^r^ Gordon one of the members of the above Committee acquainted the H^os^ that the s^d^ Committee had Chosen him Chairman—

And Complained to the H^os^ that himself w^th^ the rest of the s^d^ Committee being upon the Amending of the s^d^ Bill, M^r^ Elisha Lawrence one of the s^d^ Committee Did contrary to his Consent blot out & Cancell the s^d^ bill and had left nothing remaining Except the title.

And that M^r^ Gershom Mott another of the s^d^ Committee forcibly detained him when he would have departed the room whilst M^r^ Lawrence was blotting and Cancelling some part of the said Bill.

The House having heard the answer of the s^d^ M^r^ Lawrence & M^r^ Mott to the Complaint made against them.

Ordered they withdraw.

M^r^ Gordon, As being the Comp^l^t offered to withdraw & by Leave of the Ho^s^ withdrew accordingly.

Vpon the Question put whether the blotting out & Cancelling of y^e^ s^d^ Bill by M^r^ Lawrence after it was Committed by this H^os^ for Amendments be a Contempt of this House or not.

It past in y^e^ Affirmative.

Vpon the Question whether M^r^ Mott forceably detaining M^r^ Gordon when he would have departed the Roome whilst M^r^ Lawrence was blotting and Cancelling the above Bill was a Contempt of this House or not.

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the Consideration of the Contempt of M^r^ Lawrence & M^r^ Mott to this Ho^s^ be referrd till tomorrow morning.

Resolved that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole H^os^ tomorrow morning tenn A Clock to Consider farther

farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendering more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Majesties Governm^{t} of New Jersey for One yeare.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 A Clock.

DIE MARTIS, 3° January 1.709

A Message by the Cl^{k} of the Councill,

M^{r} Speaker,

His Hon^{r} the L^{t} Governo^{r} in Councill have Commanded me to acquaint this H^{os} that the Councill Have past y^{e} Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Ffences wth Some Amendm^{ts} to which they desire the Concurrance of this H^{os}.

That they have past Another Bill Entituled An Act for building & repairing of Jayles & Court H^{oses} within this Pvince with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrance of this House.

That they have past Another Bill Entituled An Act for preventing Swine runing at Large, with Some Amendments.

To which they desire y^{e} Concurrance of y^{e} H^{os}.

That they have also Past AnOther Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving & continuing the Courts of Sessions & Common pleas in the County of Glosester, with the p^{r}ceedings of the Same with Some Amendm^{ts} to the Same to which they desired the Concurrance of this H^{os}.

And that the Councill had also past an other Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the place of Setting of the Representatives to meet in Gen^{ll} Assembly without any Amendments.

Ordered that M^{r} Price come before the Barr of this H^{os} and ask the H^{os} Forgiveness for the Offence in Voteing A Bill to be blotted out when it was Committed for Amendments by this House.

Which he did accordingly.

Ordered that M^{r} Lawrence & M^{r} Mott be Brought before the Barr of this H^{os} and there ask forgiveness for their Contempt of this H^{os} in Blotting out and cancelling a Bill Committed to them by this H^{os} And also forcibly detaining M^{r} Gordon Chairman of the said Committee with an acknowledgement of the favour of the H^{os} that they were not Expelld the H^{os} & rendered uncapable for ever Serving in this H^{os} againe & other punish^{mts} which this H^{os} might inflict.

And

And that they promise for the Future to behave themselves as becomes Members of this H^os^.

M^r^ Lawrence & M^r^ Mott were accordingly Brot to the Barr of this H^os^ and upon their Submission as above,

Where Received in their places in this House as formerly.

Vpon the Question put whether a bill be brot in for Setling the Estates Of the Generall Proprietors of the Eastern Division and other purchasers und^r^ them as nere to the former as may bee

It past in the Negative.

Ordered that the H^os^ Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole H^os^ at 3 h^a^ P. M. to Consider of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining And Rendring More Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj^ties^ Government of New Jersey for one Yeare.

The H^os^ Adjourn'd till 3 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

M^r^ Smith having absented himself from the Service of this Ho^s^ without Leave of the House.

Ordered that M^r^ Lewis & M^r^ Sharp wait on his honn^r^ the Lieut Governo^r^ & acquaint his honn^r^ that the Serg^t^ at Arms attending this H^os^ being absent on the business of this H^os^ This House desires His Honn^r^ would bee pleased to appoint An Officer to Serve In this present Juncture.

M^r^ Sharp acquainted the H^os^ that M^r^ Lewis & himself had waited on his honn^r^ with the above message.

And that his honn^r^ was pleased to acquaint the H^os^ that they might Constitute a Deputy on the present occasion.

Ordered that M^r^ Speaker Issue out his warr^t^ to Simon Woodroe to take into his Custody M^r^ Samuel Smith for absenting himself from the service of the H^os^ without Leave, And bring him before the House forthwith.

The House according to Order Resolved into a Committee of the whole Ho^s^ to Consider of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Maj^ties^ Govermn^t^ of New Jersey for one year', And after some time Spent therein M^r^ Speaker resumed the Chaire,

And M^r^ Fretwell Reported from the s^d^ Committee that they had made Some further progress in the matters to them Referred, and that he was directed to move that they might have Leave to set againe.

Resolved That the H^os^ Resolve Itself into a Committee of the

the whole H^os^ Thursday next Nine a Clock to consider farther of the said Bill,

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 h^a^.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 7° January 1.709

The House Adjourn'd till 3 a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Simon Woodroe by virtue of a warr^t^ from M^r^ Speaker Brot M^r^ Samuel Smith before this H^os^, who came before the Barr of this H^os^ and acknowledged he had done amis in absenting himself without the Leave of this House

Upon which he was admitted to his place in the H^os^ as formerly.

M^r^ Gordon One of the Members appointed for prepareing and bringing in a Bill to Reverse A Judgm^t^ past in the Supreme Court of this Province Against W^m^ Slooby, Sam^ll^ Hodge And Peter Blacksfield.

Brot in a A Bill for that purpose.

Ordered the same be Read which was read Accordingly And Ordered a Second reading tomorrow three A Clock.

The Bill Entituled An Act for better Quallifying Representatives to serve in Generall Assembly in this Province was read the Second time.

And Committed to M^r^ Dennis Cap^t^ Price M^r^ Kaighin & M^r^ Lewis.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning nine A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 5° January 1.709

M^r^ Sharp Complained that Cap^t^ George Duncan this morning, Early had called him out privately & drew his Sword upon him unawares he being unarmed, & made at him with his drawn Sword, upon which the said Sharp fled & was pursued by the s^d^ Cap^t^ Duncan who hee believes had a designe to kill him.

And desired the protection of y^e^ ho^s^.

Cap^t^ Duncan being called to the Barr of y^e^ H^os^ to Answer to the s^d^ Complaint

And the H^os^ having heard both partyes and haveing Examined Severall of the Members upon the Same.

Ordered

Ordered that the s^d^ Cap^t^ George Duncan be Committed to the Custody of the Serg^t^ at Armes and that he be kept disarmed till farther orders of this House.

The Serg^t^ at Armes Laid before y^e^ H^os^ A Letter from M^r^ Fitz Randolff makeing his Excuse for not attending the Service of the H^os^ which was approv'd of by y^e^ house.

Resolved that the H^os^ Resolve Itself into A Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning nine A Clock to consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining & Rendring more Effectuall y^e^ Act for Support of her Maj^ties^ Governm^t^ of New Jersey for one yeare

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^a^ P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei,

M^r^ Kaighin by Leave of the H^os^ Brot in A Bill Entituled An Act for better regulating, preserving and laying out publick and Common High-ways—

M^r^ Lambert from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Setling and confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Western Division of this Province And other purchasers und^r^ them was committed

Reported that they had gon through the s^d^ Bill and had made Severall Amendments to the same which he read in his place And was afterwards Read in the House.

Upon the Question put whether the H^os^ did agree to the Amendments

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the s^d^ Bill be Engrost.

The Bill Entituled An Act to Reverse a Judgm^t^ past in the Supreame Court of this Province Against W^m^ Slooby Sam Hodge & Peter Blacksfield was Read the Second time.

Ordered the said Bill be Engrost

M^r^ Lambert from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating Stone horses or Stallions y^t^ run at Large in this Province was Committed,

Reported that they had gone through the s^d^ Bill & had made Severall Amendments to the Same which he read in his place and laid on the Table, And was afterwards Read in the House,

Ordered that the s^d^ Bill be Engrost,

Ordered that M^r^ Smith have Leave to go home, It being on Extraordinary Occasions & that he attend the Service of this H^os^ tuesday next.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 A. M.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 6 January 1.709

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act to Reverse a Judgment past in the Supream Court of this Province against W^m Slooby, Samuel Hodge & Peter Blacksfield was Read the third time,

Resolved that the s^d Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled an Act for Regulating Stone Horses or Stallions that Run at Large in this province was Read the third time,

Resolved that the s^d Bill pass.

Ordered That M^r Fretwell & M^r Lawrence carry up the s^d Bills to the Councill for their Concurrance.

The Bill Entituled An Act for the better Regulateing preserving and Laying out Publick and Common high-ways was read the Second time and Committed to M^r Gordon, M^r Fretwell & M^r Sharp,

The House according to Order,

Resolved Itself into A Committee of the whole H^os to Consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Maj^ties Government of New Jersey for One year, and after some time Spent therein,

M^r Speaker Resumed the Chaire,

AND M^r Fretwell Reported from the s^d Committee that they had made Some farther progress in the matters to them Referr'd, And that he was Directed to move that they might have Leave to sett againe.

Resolved That the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of of the whole H^os at three a Clock this afternoon to consider farther of the s^d Bill.

The House Adjourn'd till 3 h^a.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered that the H^os Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole H^os tomorrow morning tenn A Clock to Joyne the Committee of the Councill for the Stateing & Examining the Accounts and Charges Relating to the Late Expedition ag^st Canada & for Enquiring into the 3000£ Bills of Creditt.

Ordered that the House Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole House tomorrow morning nine A Clock to Consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Maj^ties Govermn^t of New Jersey for one yeare

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine A Clock.

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DIE SABBATI A. M. 7° January 1.709

Ordered that M^r Lewis & M^r Price wait on the Councill and desire to know when the Committee of the Councill will be ready for the Committee of the whole H^os to Joyn w^th them

M^r Lewis Reported that Cap^t Price & himself had waited on some of the Councill with the above message who said the Committee would set at Eleven A Clock.

The House according to Order Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole H^os to Consider farther of the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall y^e Act for Support of her Maj^ties Govermn^t of New Jersey for One Yeare

AND after some time Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chaire,

AND M^r Fretwell Reported from the s^d Committee that they had gone thro the s^d Bill And had made Severall Amendm^ts to the Same which he read in his place and Laid on the Clerk's Table,

And were afterwards read in the H^os,

Vpon the Question put whether the H^os did agree to the Amendments of the said Bill as they were Last Read in the House,

It past in the Affirmative.

The House according to Order Resolved Itself into a Committee of the whole H^os to Joyne with the Committee of the Councill for the Stateing and Examining the Acco^ts & charges Relating to the Late Expedition ag^st Canada and for Inquireing into the three thousand pounds Bill of Creditt, And after sometime Spent therein M^r Speaker Resumed the Chaire, AND M^r Fretwell Reported from the s^d Committee that they had made some farther progress in the matters to them Referr'd, and they had Adjourn'd till farther order of this House.

The House Adjourn'd till Munday 3 h^a P. M.

DIE LUNAE P. M. 9 January 1709.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Setling and Confirming the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Western Division of this Province and other Purchasers und^r them was read the third time,

Resolved that the s^d Bill pass.

Ordered that M^r Fretwell and M^r Lawrence carry up the said Bill to the Councill for their Concurrence

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Mr Lewis from the Committee to whom The Bill Entituled An Act for better Qualifying Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly of this Province was Committed.

Reported that they had gone through the sd Bill and had made Severall amendmts to the same, which he Read in his place and Laid on the Table.

Upon the Question put whether the House did agree to the Amendments.

It past in the Affirmative,

Ordered that the said Bill be Engrost,

Mr Gordon from the Committee to whom' the Bill Entituled An Act for better Regulateing preserving and Laying out of Publick & Common highways was Committed,

Reported That they had gone through the sd Bill, And had made Severall Amendmts to the Same which he read in his place & laid on the Clerk's Table, And were afterwards Read in the House,

Vpon the Question put whether the House did agree to the Amendments.

It past in the Affirmative,

Ordered that the sd Bill be Engrost,

The House Adjournd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 10 January 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for building and Repairing Joyles & Court houses within this province, was Read wth the Amendments of the Councill,

Vpon the Question put whether the Hos did agree to the Amendmts of the Councill.

It past in the Affirmative.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Amending the Act for preventing Swine Runing at Large was read wth the Amendmts of the Councill.

Vpon the Question put whether the House did agree to the Amendments for Leaving out the word Generall in line the Sixth,

It past in the Negative.

Vpon the Question put whether the House did agree to the rest of the Amendments to the said Bill,

It past in the Affirmative.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating of Fences was read wth the Amendmts of the Councill, And upon the Question put, whether the Hos did agree to the Amendments for leaving out

out the words (Representatives in Generall Assembly met) in the fifth Line,

It past in the Negative.

Vpon the Question put whether the H^{os} did Agree to the rest of the Amendments

It past in the Affirmative,

The Bill Entituled An Act for Reviving & continuing the Courts of Sessions & Comon Pleas in the County of Gloucester with the proceedings of the same was read with the Amendm^{ts} of the Councill,

Vpon the question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amend^{mt} for leaving out the word (Generall after the word (And) & before the word (Assembly) in the fifteenth Line.

It past in the Negative.

Vpon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the rest of the Amendm^{ts}.

It past in the affirmative.

Ordered that M^{r} Gordon And M^{r} Lambert carry up the s^{d} Bills to the Councill with the Amendments agreed to by this H^{os} and acquaint them the H^{os} have agreed to their Amendments to the Bill Entituled An Act for Building and Repairing Joyles & Court Houses within this Province.

And that they desire to know w^{t} proceedure the Councill have made on the Bills already sent up to them,

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill,

Mr. Speaker,

I am Commanded By his honn^{r} in Councill to acquaint this H^{os} that on Reading the Bill Entituled An Act for setling and confirming the Estates of the Gen^{ll} Proprietors of the Western Division of this Province and other purchasers und^{r} them,

His Honn^{r} in Councill desires this H^{os} to communicate to that Board such Originall Writing, Pattents, Grants, Conveyances or Exemplifications, powers, Authorityes, & all other papers and things on which the said Preamble purview and other parts of the Bill is founded.

The Ho^{s} Adjourn'd till 3 h^{s} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Vpon the Question put whether the business concerning Cap^{t} Duncan should be taken into consideration tonight or tomorrow three a Clock,

Resolved the same be taken into Consideration tomorrow at three a Clock in the afternoon.

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The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for the better Qualifying Representatives to serve in Generall Assembly and other Offices of Profitt and Trust within this Province was read the third time.

Resolved that the s^{d} Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for better Regulateing preserving and Laying Out Publick and common high-ways read the third time,

Resolved that the s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered that M^{r} Lawrence & M^{r} Spicer carry up the s^{d} Bills to the Councill for their concurrance,

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. 11^{o} January 1.709

Vpon the Question put whether the Bill Entituled an Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall An Act for Support of Her Maj^{ties} Governm^{t} of New Jersey for one year' should be Engrost with the amendments as they were Last read in the H^{os},

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the said Bill be Engrost.

M^{r} Harrison by Leave of the Ho^{s} Bro^{t} in A Bill Entituled An Act for Amending & Explaining an Act for the Curranty of Bills of Creditt for three thousand pounds, which was read And ordered a Second reading tomorrow.

Ordered that M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Fretwell, M^{r} Lambert M^{r} Kaighin & M^{r} Sharp Consider of an answer to the message of Yesterday from the Lieu^{t} Governo^{r} in Councill And Report the Same to this House,

The House adjournd till 3 h^{a}

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

M^{r} Sharp having Informed this House y^{t} Cap^{t} Duncan having desired his forgiveness & declareing himself Sorry for the fault he had committed,

Desired the House would be favourable to him.

Upon consideration of which,

Ordered that the s^{d} Cap^{t} Duncan bee brought before the Barr of this House and acknowledge his Offence in Assaulting

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A Member of this H^{os}, And that he beg pardon of this House for the same, And of M^{r} Sharp in particular and that he promise to behave himself for the future as becom's a Loyall Subject and a good member of this House.

Cap^{t} Duncan being bro^{t} before the Barr of this House upon his Submission as above was admitted to take his place In the House as formerly.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 a Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 12^{o} Jan^{ry} 1.709

M^{r} Gordon one of the Members appointed for prepareing an answer to the Message from the Lieut Governo^{r} in Councill of Tuesday Last, Acquainted this H^{os} that they had drawn up an answer accordingly, which he read in his place and Laid on the Clerk's Table And was afterwards read in the H^{os} which was agreed to and is as follows.

Vpon Consideration of the Message from his Honn^{r} the Lieu^{t} Governo^{r} in Councill, of Tuesday last, Relateing to the bill Entituled An Act for Setling and Confirming the Estates of the Generall Proprietors of the Western Division of this Province And other purchasors under them.

It is the opinion of this House that all the Writings Pattents, Grants, Conveyances, powers Authorities and other papers and things upon which the preamble, purview & other parts of the s^{d} bill is founded Are things Generally so well known that this H^{os} believes no body has Reason to make any doubt thereof, Nor did this H^{os} Expect any such thing would be desired, And therefore not prepared for a more Particular Answer, neither dos the House thinke it Necessary.

Ordered that M^{r} Wheeler & M^{r} Bastell wait on his honn^{r} the L^{t} Governo^{r} in Councill with the above message.

M^{r} Fretwell one of the Members appointed for preparing and bringing in A Bill for Dividing and Ascertaining the Boundaries of all the Countys in this Pvince, brought in A Bill for that purpose

which was read And Ordered A Second Reading in the afternoon.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining & Rendring more Effectual An Act for Support of Her Maj^{ties} Governm^{t} of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey for one year was read the third time,

Resolved that the s^{d} Bill pass.

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

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P. M. Ejusd Diei,

Mr Wheeler Reported that Mr Bustell & himself had waited on his honr the Lt Governr with the message of this House.

The Bill Entituled An Act for amending & Explaining An Act for Curranty of Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds according to order was read the Second time.

And Committed to Mr Fretwell Mr Gordon, Mr Lambert Capt Price & Capt Spicer,

The Bill Entituled An Act for Dividing and Assertaining the boundaries of all the County's in this Province according to order was read the Second time And Comitted to Mr Lambert, Mr Gordon, Mr Harrison & Mr Lewis—

Vpon the Question put whether the House did agree to the boundaries between Burlington County & Gloucester as it was Last read in the Hos

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock,

DIE VENERIS A. M. 13° January 1.709

Mr Gordon from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Amending & Explaining an Act for the Currantey of Bills of Credit for 3.000 was committed, Reported that they had gon through the said Bill and had made Severall Amendmt to the Same which he read in his place And Laid on the Table,

And was afterwards read in the House, And Ordered to Lay on the Cks Table,

Ordered That Mr Fretwell and Mr Duncan wait on his Honnr the Lt Governor and desire to know when his Honr will be pleased to call A Councill.

Mr Fretwell Reported that Capt Duncan and himself had waited on his honr with the above message & that his Honr said he would call a Committee in half an houre.

Ordered that Capt Price, Mr Mott, Mr Lambert, Mr Fretwell Mr Sharp and Capt Duncan carry up the Bill Entituled An Act for Explaining and Rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of her Majties Goverm of New Jersey for one Year to the Lt Governor in Councill And desire their Concurrance to the Same.

And that they carry up the Bill Entituled An Act for building and repairing Courthouses and Joyles with the Amendmts of the Councill.

Mr Fretwell Reported that himself with the rest above appointed

pointed had carryd up the above bills to his Hon^{r} the L^{t} Govern^{r} in Councill.

Ordered that M^{r} Fretwell & M^{r} Gordon Informe themselves in the Secy^{s} Office w^{t} Security the Treasurers has given for the true discharge of their offices in the 3000^{lb} Tax and acquaint this H^{os} with the same.

The House Adjourned till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

M^{r} Fretwell Reported that M^{r} Gordon & himself had Enquir'd of M^{r} Secry w^{t} Security the two Treasurers of the 3000£, Tax had given and that M^{r} Secy answer'd that he knew of none that the Treasurer of the Western Division had given but would Lay before the h^{os} the Security given by the Treasurer of the Eastern Division And M^{r} Secretary accordingly Laid the Same before this House.

M^{r} Gordon from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Dividing and Assertaining the boundarys of all the Countys of this Province was Committed

Reported that they had gon thro' the s^{d} Bill and had made Severall Amendm^{ts} to the same which he read in his place and Laid on the Table And were afterwards read in the House,

Vpon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amendments

It past in the Affirmative,

Ordered that the s^{d} Bill be Engrost.

Ordered that the Bill Entitutled An Act for amending and Explaining An Act for the Curranty of Bills of Credit for 3000£ bee Recommitted to M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Lewis and M^{r} Keighan—

A Petition from Mary Grubbs was Read and referred till tomorrow morning

The House Adjourned till tomorrow 9 h^{a}.

DIE SABBATI A. M, 14^{o} January 1.709

M^{r} Gordon from the Committee to whome the Bill Entituled An Act for Amending and Explaining An Act for the Currantcy of Bills of Credit for 3,000£ was Recomitted,

Reported that they had gon through the s^{d} Bill And had made Severall Amendm^{ts} to the same which he read in his place, And laid on the Clerk's Table, And were afterwards read in the House.

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Vpon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amendm^{ents} as they were last read in the House,

It past in the Affirmative.

Ordered that the s^{d} Bill be Engrost.

The Petition of Mary Grubbs was Read according to Order.

Ordered that all Persons Concerned in the said Petition prepare themselves against the next Sessions when this House will Consider farther of the Same,

The House adjourn'd till 3 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei

Ordered That M^{r} Fretwell & M^{r} Lawrence wait on the L^{t} Gov^{r} In Councill & acquaint y^{t} Board that the H^{os} has finished all the matters before them at present & desire to know if they have anything to Offer.

M^{r} Fretwell Reported that M^{r} Lawrence & himself had Reported that M^{r} Lawrence & himself had waited on his Honn^{r} the L^{t} Gov^{r} & Councill with the above message, And that his Honn^{r} answered they had nothing at p'Sent to Offer to this House, But that they should have severall Bills to send to the H^{os} with Amendments Munday next Nine A Clock.

The House Adjourn'd till 10 a Clock Munday next.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 16^{o} January 1.709.

The House Adjourn'd till 2 h^{a} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill, M^{r} Speaker, I am Commanded by his Honu^{r} the Lieut Governor & Councill to acquaint this H^{os} that Board have past the Act for Regulating of Stone Horses or Stallions that Runs at Large in this Province with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrance of y^{e} House.

That they have past another Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating and appointing the fees of the Severall Officers and Courts of this Province of New Jersey with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrance of this House.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for Dividing and Asserting the boundary's of all the County's in this Province was read the third time,

Resolved that the said Bill pass.

The Engrost Bill Entituled An Act for amending and Explaining

plaining An Act for the Currantcy of Bills of Credit for 3.000£ was Read the third time,

Resolved the s^{d} Bill pass.

Ordered that M^{r} Fretwell & M^{r} Lawrence carry up the s^{d} Bills to the Councill for their concurrance,

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating Stone Horses or Stallions that Run at Large in this Province was Read wth the Amendments of the Councill:

Vpon the Question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amendments in the sixth line after the word (and) And before the word Assembly, to Leave out the words (Representatives now met in Generall)

It past in the Negative

Vpon the Question put whether the house did agree to the rest of the Amendments.

It past in the Affirmative.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 17 January 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating & appointing the fees of the Severall Officers and Courts of this province of New Jersey was Read with the Amendments of the Councill,

Vpon the question put whether the H^{os} did agree to the Amendments of the Councill,

It past in the Negative Nemine Contradicente,

Vpon the question put whether the H^{os} would put Each particular Amendment to Vote or include the whole in one Voat,

Resolved that the whole Amendm^{t} be Included in one Voat

Ordered that M^{r} Fretwell & M^{r} Lawrence Carry up the above bill to the Councill with their Amendments and acquaint them the House do not agree to the Amendments

And that they carry up the Bill Entituled An Act for regulating Stone Horses or Stalions that run at Large in this Province with the Amendments of the Councill And acquaint y^{m} the H^{os} do not agree to the Amendment for leaving out the words (Representatives now met in Generall) in the 1st folio sixth line, And that the H^{os} do agree to the rest of the Amendments.

And that the H^{os} desires to know w^{t} progress the Councill have made on the Bills sent up from this H^{os}.

M^{r} Fretwell Reported that M^{r} Lawrence & himself had delivered the above bills according to Order,

Ordered that M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Sharp, & M^{r} Harrison prepare and

and bring in A Bill for Ascertaining the punishm^{t} of the Men who deserted Her Maj^{ties} Service on the late Expedition against Canada.

The House Adjourn'd till 2 h^{s} P. M.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message by the Ck of the Councill

M^{r} Speaker,

I am commanded by his honn^{r} the L^{t} Governour in Councill to acquaint this House That board have past the Bill Entituled An Act for Assertaining the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly with some Amendm^{ts} to which they desire the Concurrance of this H^{os},

That they have also past An other Bill Entituled An Act for the better Qualifying Representatives to serve in Generall Assembly & other Offices of Profit and trust within this Province wth some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrance of this H^{os}.

That they have also past A bill Entituled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrance of this House.

A Message by the Ck of the Councill,

Mr Speaker,

I am Commanded by his Honn^{r} the Governo^{r} in Councill to acquaint this Ho^{s} his Honn^{r} has appointed a Committee of the Councill and desires this Ho^{s} to appoint a Committee to meet them in a Conference on a Bill Entituled An Act for regulateing the fees of the Severall Offices and Courts within this Province, at the House of Cap^{t} Allison at Six a Clock this Evening.

Ordered that M^{r} Gordon, M^{r} Lambert M^{r} Fretwell M^{r} Sharp M^{r} Lawrence and M^{r} Lewis be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Councill on the conference desired by them.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Assertaining the Representa tives fees in Generall Assembly was read with the Amendm^{ts} of the Councill.

Vpon the Question put whether the Severall amendm^{ts} following Should pass, vizt. The Amendmt after the title of the Bill before the first word of the first Line,

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The Amendn^{t} for leaving out the word (Generall) in the first line after the word (And) and before the word (Assembly)

The Amendm^{t} for Leaving out the word (And) and inserting the word (or) in the third line after the word Eastern and before the word western—

And the Amendm^{t} for Incertain the clause after the End of the Bill,

It past in the Negative,

Vpon the Question put whether the Ho^{s} did Agree to the rest of the Amendments,

It past in the Affirmative—

The Bill Entituled An Act for the better Quallifying Representatives to Serve in Gen^{ll} Assembly and other Offices of Profit & trust within this Province was read with the Amendm^{ts} of the Councill,

Vpon the Question put whether the Ho^{s} did agree to the Amendm^{ts} for leaving out the word (Generall) between the word (and) and the word (Assembly) in the Seventeenth line,

It past in the Negative,

Vpon the Question put whether the House did agree to the rest of the Amendm^{ts}

It past in the Affirmative,

The Bill Entituled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations was read with the Amendments of the Councill,

Vpon the Question put whether the H^{o}s did agree to the Amendments in the 21 line after the word Actions and before the word (and) to Insert these words Suits, Informations and prosecutions.

It past in the Affirmative,

Upon the Question put whether the Ho^{s} did agree to the rest of the Amendments,

It past in the Negative.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine a Clock,

DIE MERCURJI A. M. 18^{o} January 1.709

M^{r} Gordon Reported y^{t} According to order the Committee of the whole H^{os} had met the Committee of the Councill on the conference desired by them, and that the Committee had given their reasons in writing for adhearing to their Amendments which were read.

Ordered that M^{r} Lawrence M^{r} Mott and M^{r} Bustell carry up the Severall Bills following to the Councill wth their Amendments Viz^{t}

The

The Bill entituled An Act for better Qualifying Representatives to serve in Generall Assembly & other Offices of profit & trust within this Province.

The Bill Entituled An Act for assertaining the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly.

The Bill Entituled An Act for preventing prosecutions by Informations.

Mr Lawrence Reported that Mr Mott, Mr Bustell & himself had carryd up the above Bills to the Councill.

Ordered that Captn Spicer & Captn Price Desire the Councill to appoint a Committee of that Board to meet a Committee of this Hos on the Subject matter of the last Conference and that Mr Mott Captn Duncan Mr Wheeler Mr Smith & Mr Shepheard be appointed to manage the same And that they meet at five a Clock this afternoon at the Hos of George Willoks.

Capt Price Reported that Capt Spicer & himself had waited on the Councill with the above message.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill.

Mr Speaker,

The Councill do agree to the Conference desired by this Hos to meet at 6 a Clock at the Hos of George Willocks.

Ordered the Committee meet accordingly.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 19 January 1.709

Capt Duncan Reported that himself wth the rest of the Committee appointed by this Hos had met the Committee of the Councill Yesterday Six a Clock in the Evening in a conference on the Subject matter of the last conference.

The house Adjourn'd till three A Clock.

P. M. Ejusd diei.

The House Adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine A Clock.

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DIE VENERIS A. M. 20 January 1.709

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Councill to acquaint this Hos they adhere to their Amendmts on the Bill for Setling the Representatives Fees in Generall Assembly & desire this House to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of that board in a Conference on the same at three a Clock this afternoon at the Hos of George Willocks, And that Board desires the Hos, to appoint A Committee to meet a Committee of the Councill in a Generall & free Conference on the Subject matter of the Past debate at the same place half an hour past three this afternoon.

Ordered that Mr Fretwell, Mr Gordon and Mr Lawrence wait on his honnr the Lt Governor & Councill & acquaint them that the Country having been at a Great charge & trouble in formeing Severall bills now before them,

This House desires they Would let them know how many they have gon through & wt their Result has been on them.

Mr Fretwell Reported that Mr Gordon Mr Lawrence & himself had waited on his Honnr with the above message.

And that his honnr answered he would call a Councill this afternoon when the house should have an answer.

Ordered that Mr Lewis & Capt Price acquaint the Councill the Hos do agree to the conferences desired by them & that the Hos will Resolve Itself into a Committee of the whole Hos forthwith to meet the Committee of the Councill on the business relating to the late Expedition against Canada.

Mr Lewis Reported that Capt Price & himself had waited on the Councill with the above message & that they said they were ready to meet on the Same.

The Hos Resolved itSelf into a Committee of the whole Hos to meet the Committee of the Councill to consider farther of the business Relating to the Late Expedition against Canada, And for Enquiring into the 3.000£ bills of Credit And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker Resumed the Chaire and Mr Fretwell Reported That the sd Committee had Stated & Examined all the Accots relating to the Late Expedition against Canada and had Enquired into thec 3.000 pounds bills of Credit & that they had made propper remark's on wt was referr'd to them, and that they had Order'd the Stated Generall

Accots

Acco^{ts} & remarks on them to be drawn over fair & Signed by M^{r} Gordon & M^{r} Secretary in order to be laid before this House.

Ordered that Cap^{t} Spicer, M^{r} Bustell M^{r} Dennis Cap^{t} Price & M^{r} Smith bee a Committee to meet the Committee of the Councill at three a Clock this forenoon at the House of M^{r} George Willoks in a conference desired by them on the Bill Entituled An Act for Setling the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly.

Ordered that M^{r} Fretwell M^{r} Gordon M^{r} Sharp M^{r} Lawrence M^{r} Lambert M^{r} Lewis M^{r} Harrison M^{r} Kaighan M^{r} Wheeler and M^{r} Mott be a Committee to meet the Committee of the Councill in a Generall & free Conference on the Subject matter of the last conference, And that M^{r} Gordon M^{r} Fretwell M^{r} Sharp, M^{r} Lambert M^{r} Lawrence and M^{r} Kaighan bee managers of the Same.

The House Adjourn'd till five A Clock.

P. M. EjusD Diei.

M^{r} Bustell Reported that himself with the rest of the Committee had met with the Committee of the Councill in A Conference on the Bill for Assertaining the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly And that they had given in their Reasons in Writing which were read.

M^{r} Gordon Reported that himself wth the Rest of the Committee appointed for that purpose had met the Committee of the Councill in a free conference on the Bill Entituled An Act for Regulating and appointing the fees of the severall Offices & Courts of this Province and after a free debate on the Same it was referr'd to farther consideration.

Vpon Complaint made to this House that John Ashbrough Esq^{r} Shr'ffe of Gloster County not haveing given Lawfull Notice of the Day of Electing of Representatives for the s^{d} County to Serve in this present Generall Assembly.

Ordered that the Serg^{t} at Armes attending this H^{os} take the s^{d} John Ashbrough Esq^{r} into Custody and bring him before this H^{os} forthwith to answer the s^{d} Complaint.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Eight a Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 21 January 1.709

The House Adjournd till three A Clock P. M.

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P. M. Ejusd Diei,

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by his Honnr the Lieut Governor & the Gents of the Councill to acquaint this House that board do recd from their Amendmts of the word (Generall) in the bill for preventing Swine runing at Large.

In the Bill for regulating of Stalions And in the Bill for Regulating offfences, But that, that board do not agree to the Adding the word Generall in the Gloster Bill Since it is not an Amendmt to the Amendmt of that board but an addition to Yor own Bill which Regularly cannot be done, the Councill do Adhere to their Amendmts in the Bill for preventing prosecutions by Informations & desire a conferance at the Hos of George Willoks Munday next 3 ha P. M.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

His Honnr the Lt Govr in Councill requires the attendance of of this House Imediately.

Mr Speaker accordingly left the Chaire and with the Hos attended his honnr and being returned, Mr Speaker Reported that his honnr the Lt Govr had past and caused to be published the Severall Bills following Vizt:

The Bill for Explaining & rendring more Effectuall the Act for Support of Her Majties Governmt of New Jersey for One Yeare.

The Bill for Assertaining the Place of setting of the Assembly.

The Bill for the better Qualifying the Representatives to Serve in Genll Assembly.

The Bill for building & Repairing Jayles and Court Houses.

And the Bill for Assertaining the Boundaries of all the Countys in this Pvince.

The House adjournd till Munday nine a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 23 January 1.709

Mr Gordon One of the Members appointed for that purpose brot in a Bill Entituled An Act for Assertaining the punishmt of

of such persons as deserted Her Majᵗᶦᵉˢ Service in the late Expedition against Canada, which was read.

Ordered a Second reading tomorrow.

Ordered that Mʳ Harrison & Capᵗ Spicer acquaint the Councill the Hᵒˢ doe agree to the Conference desired by them Satterday Last And that Mʳ Gordon Mʳ Sharp Mʳ Lambert & Mʳ Wheeler be a Committee to manage the Same.

And that they take up the Bill for Reviving & continuing Gloster Courts.

And acquaint the Councill that the seeming Addition of the word Generall in the sᵈ Bill was only a mistake in the message the Hᵒˢ haveing disagreed to the Amendmᵗ of the Councill for leaving out the word (Generall) after the word (and) & before the and (Assembly) in the 15 Line.

Ordered that Capᵗ Lukar bee discharged from his further attendance on this House till farther order.

Mʳ Harrison Reported that Capᵗ Spicer & himself had waited on yᵉ Councill with the message of the Hᵒˢ.

The house adjourned till 3 hᵃ.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill,

Mʳ Speaker,

I am Commanded by his honnʳ in Councill to acquaint this Hᵒˢ that board do Receed from their Amendmᵗ for leaving out the word Generall in the Bill for Reviving Gloster Courts.

In Compliance to the Reasons offer'd by the Councill Adhearing to their Amendᵐᵗˢ of the bill for Setling the Representatives Fees in Generall Assembly.

Resolved that in first Amendᵐᵉᵘᵗ in the first Line, after the word Persons add (Chosen Representatives to Serve in Generall Assembly, of this Collony And) in line the 2d dele this Colony and in lieu thereof insert these words (the Same.)

Line the 7ᵗʰ after the word in & before the word from Dele the words (Publick Employ's) & in lieu thereof insert (the said Generall Assembly)

The Hᵒˢ agreed to the third Amendmᵗ, In the Last Amendmᵗ Line 15ᵒ Dele these words (fully finished Ended or prorogued) & in lieu thereof insert (Adjourn'd prorogued or dissolved)

Ordered that Capᵗ Duncan & Mʳ Wheeler carry up the said Bill with the Amendments to the Amendments of the Councill.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow 8 a Clock.

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DIE MARTIS A. M. 24 January 1.709

The Bill Entituled An Act for Assertaining the punishm^{t} of such persons as deserted Her Maj^{ties} Service in the Late Expedition against Canada, according to ord^{r} was read the 2^{d} time and comitted to M^{r} Gordon M^{r} Sharp M^{r} Harrison & Cap^{t} Spicer.

M^{r} Wheeler reported that Cap^{t} Duncan & himself had carryd up the Bill for settling the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly with the Amendm^{ts} to the Councill.

The House Adjourn'd till three A Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered that M^{r} Mott & M^{r} Bustell desire His Honn^{r} the L^{t} Governo^{r} to appoint A Committee of the Councill to meet a Committee of this House in a Conference in the Subject matter of the Last Conference on the Bill for preventing Prosecutions by Informa'ons.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE MERCURII A. M. January 25° 1709

M^{r} Bustell Reported that M^{r} Motts & himself had waited on his honn^{r} with the Message of this H^{os} of Yesterday.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill,

M^{r} Speaker, The Councill do agree to the conference desired by this H^{os} to meet at three a Clock this afternoon at the House of George Willoks.

M^{r} Gordon from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for Assertaining the punishm^{t} of Such Persons as deserted her Maj^{ties} Service in the Late Expedition against Canada, was Committed,

Reported that they had gon through the s^{d} Bill and had made Severall Amendm^{ts} to the Same which he read in his place & laid on the C^{k} Table & were afterwards read in the H^{os} & agreed to,

Ordered that the said Bill be Engrost

Ordered that the former Committee appointed for that purpose meet the Committee of the Council on the above conference.

The house Adjourn'd till three h^{s}

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Mr Gordon Reported that himself, with the rest of the Committee appointed for that purpose had met the Committee of the Council in the Conference desired by this House.

Mr Gordon Reported that according to ordr of the Committee of the whole Hos Mr Secy & himself had signed four Copy's of the Stated Generall Accounts relating to the Late Expedition against Canada & remarks on them.

Ordered that Mr Gordon lay the same before this Hos forthwith which he did accordingly.

Ordered that the sd Accounts & Remarks be read which were read accordingly and Referr'd to farther consideration—

The Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the punishmt of Such Persons as Deserted Her Majties Service in the Late Expedition against Canada was read the third time.

Resolved the sd Bill pass.

Ordered that Capt Duncan & Mr Harrison carry up the above Bill to the Councill for their concurrance, and desire to know if they have anything to Offer to this house tonight.

Capt Duncan Reported that Mr Harrison had carry'd up the above bill to the Councill & had delivered the above message, And that the Councill said they would send four bills to the House presently.

A Message by the Ck of the Councill,

Mr Speaker,

I am Commanded by his honnr in Councill to acquaint this Hos that board do agree to the Amendmts of this Hos to their Amendmts on the bill for Setling the Representatives fees, Except ye last Amendmt to which they do not agree.

The House adjourn'd till tomorrow nine A Clock.

DIE JOVIS A. M. 26 January 1.709 ?

Resolved this Hos do Receed from their Amendmt on the Last Amendmt of the Councill to the Bill for Setling the Representatives fees in Generall Assembly.

Ordered that Mr Fretwell & Mr Lawrence carry up the sd Bill to the Councill.

Mr

Mr Fretwell Reported that Mr Lawrence & himself had carryd up the sd Bill.

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill

Mr Speaker,

I am Commanded by his honnr in Councill to acquaint this Hos that Board have past A Bill Entituled An Act for calling in & declaring null and void Certain paper Bills termed Bills of Creditt, lately published in this Province & for Issueing others & Inforceing the Curranty thereof to which they desire the Concurrance of this Hos,

Ordered the said Bill be read in the afternoon.

The House adjourn'd till 3 a Clock.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

The Bill Entituled An Act for calling in and declaring Null and Void Certain paper bills termed Bills of Creditt Lately published in this Province & for Issueing others & inforceing the Curranty thereof was read.

And Upon the Qnestion put whether the said Bill should be Rejected or Considered farther of, Resolved the sd Bill be Rejected.

The House adjournd till tomorrow 9 a Clock.

DIE VENERIS A. M. 27o January 1.709

Resolved that Doctor John Johnston his departing from the Service of this Hos about the 19o of Xber Last and not giveing the Hos any Acct by writing or otherwise of the Reason of his Staying away.

Is a high Contempt of this House a Misdemeanor and a Neglect of Discharging the Trust Reposed in him by the Country.

The House adjournd till 3 ha.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered that Mr Bustell & Mr Mott wait on his honnr with the following message, Vizt

May it please Yor Honr

This House haveing Spent almost nine weeks (the longest Setting this Province Ever knew) in prepareing a great many bills

bills to the Number of Eighteen sent up to the Councill for their Concurrance which this H^os believes may tend very much to the benefit and advantage of the Country some of which have been published during this Sessions and some others as the H^os is informed are past the Councill, but the rest of them being such as may be of Great Service to the Country this House hath not as yet been favoured with any Acc^t of tho Severall times desired,

May it therefore please Yo^r Honn^r to send this House a particular Acc^t of such Bills which the House hath not yet heard of that this Sessions may Speedily & happily End—

M^r Bustell Reported that M^r Mott and himself had delivered the above message to his honn^r,

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill,

M^r Speaker,

The Councill have past the Bill Entituled An Act for Amending & Explaining An Act for the Currantcy of Bills of Credit for three thousand pounds, with some Amendments to which the desire the Concurrance of this House.

Ordered the same be read and was Read accordingly.

A Memorial from Cap^t Lancaster Symes, M^r Peter Bard, M^r Fauconier Jacob Bailorgeau and Elias Boudinott praying the House would not confirm the paper bills now out, but they might be heard on the same.

The House Adjourn'd till tomorrow Nine A Clock.

DIE SABBATI A. M. 28° January 1.709

A Petition from M^r Trent M^r Glenncross, M^r Wilson M^r Peres and M^r Kearney in behalf of themselves and Severall other Traders and Inhabitants of New York, & Pensilv^a desiring to be heard against the passing of any Act for Enforcing the Currantey of certain paper Bills lately Issued in this Collony was Read.

On the Memorall given in by Cap^t Symes & others and the petition from M^r Trent & others,

Ordered that the Memoriallists & Petit^rs attend this H^os forthwith,

The Gen^l^t attended accordingly and were heard on the Same,

The House adjournd till 3 a Clock.

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Ordered that Mr Lambert and Mr Mott desire the Committee of the Councill to appoint a time for the Committee of this Hos to renew the former free Conference on the Bill for ascertaining the fees of the Severall Courts & Offices of this Province.

Mr Lambert Reported that Mr Mott and himself had delivered the above Message to the Councill & yt they said they would consider of it.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Amending and Explaining An Act for the Currentey of Bills of Creditt for 3.000 pounds was read with the Amendmts of the Councill which being Severally put to the vote were all agreed to by the Hos,

Ordered that Capt Price & Mr Bustell carry up the sd Bill with the Amendmts to the Councill.

Mr Bustell Reported that Capt Price and himself had Carried up the sd bill,

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill, Mr Speaker, In answere to the Message of this House desiring a free Conferance to the Councill to renew the former on the Bill, That Board have appointed munday next tenn a Clock to meet at George Willoks on the same.

Ordered that the Committee of this House meet accordingly.

A Message by the Clerke of the Councill. Mr Speaker, The Councill have past the Bill Entituled An Act for Ascertaining the punishmt of such Persons as deserted her Majties Service in the Late Expedition against Canada, with Some Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this Hos.

The House adjourned till munday next 10 a Clock.

DIE LUNAE A. M. 30 January 1.709

Mr Gordon from the Committee appointed for meeting the Committee of the Councill on a free conferance on the Generall fee Bill.

Reported that the Committee of the sd Councill did Insist on the most of their amendmts because they had brought them as Low as they thought was reasonable, but said if there were Sallarys setled on the pattent offices they would lower the fees Even beyond wt the House had done.

The house adjourn'd till three a Clock in the Afternoon.

P.

P. M. Ejusd Diei.

Vpon the Question put whether the Reasons Offer'd by the Committee of the Councill at the free conference for Insisting on their Amendm^ts^ in the Generall fee Bill, not agreed to by the House be suffitient or not.

It past in the Negative.

Ordered that M^r^ Secretary Lay before this House all the Originall Acco^ts^ & papers laid before the Committee of both H^oses^ Relating to the late Expedition ag^st^ Canada.

M^r^ Secretary attended this House & acquainted them that he had Communicated the order of this H^os^ to him to his honn^r^ who Commanded him to acquaint this H^os^ that the Accounts & papers sent for by this H^os^ were Then before that Board for their Consideration.

The House adjourn'd till to-morrow Eight A Clock.

DIE MARTIS A. M. 31 January 1.709

A Message by the Clerk of the Councill.

M^r^ Speaker,

His Honn^r^ in Councill Requires the attendance of this House Imediately.

M^r^ Speaker Accordingly left the Chaire & w^th^ the House attended his Honn^r^ accordingly.

His Honn^r^ was pleased to Adjourn the Assembly till the 17° day of March next.

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